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An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

(a) This bill may be referred to as the BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2015

Appropriations Act.

Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

(a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of State government during fiscal year 2015. It is the express intent of the General Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments, divisions, boards, and commissions be limited to those which can be supported by funds appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2014. Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2015 so as to meet this condition unless otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other acts of the General Assembly.

Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serve as the primary source and reference for appropriations for fiscal year 2015.

(b) The sums herein stated are appropriated for the purposes specified in the following sections of this act. When no time is expressly stated during which any of the appropriations are to continue, the appropriations are

single-year appropriations and only for the purpose indicated and shall be paid from funds shown as the source of funds. If in this act there is an error in either addition or subtraction, the totals shall be adjusted accordingly. Apparent errors in referring to section numbers of statutory titles within this act may be disregarded by the Commissioner of Finance and Management.

(c) Unless codified or otherwise specified, all narrative portions of this act apply only to the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2015.

Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

(a) As used in this act:

(1) "Encumbrances" means a portion of an appropriation reserved for the subsequent payment of existing purchase orders or contracts. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall make final decisions on the appropriateness of encumbrances.

(2) "Grants" means subsidies, aid, or payments to local governments, to community and quasi-public agencies for providing local services, and to persons who are not wards of the State for services or supplies and means cash or other direct assistance, including pension contributions.

(3) "Operating expenses" means property management, repair and maintenance, rental expenses, insurance, postage, travel, energy and utilities, office and other supplies, equipment, including motor vehicles, highway

materials, and construction, expenditures for the purchase of land and construction of new buildings and permanent improvements, and similar items.

(4) "Personal services" means wages and salaries, fringe benefits, per diems, and contracted third-party services, and similar items.

Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

(a) Except as specifically provided, this act shall not be construed in any way to negate or impair the full force and effect of existing laws.

Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In the absence of specific provisions to the contrary in this act, when total appropriations are offset by estimated receipts, the State appropriations shall control, notwithstanding receipts being greater or less than anticipated.

Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

(a) In fiscal year 2015, the Governor, with the approval of the Legislature or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the Legislature is not in session, may accept federal funds available to the State of Vermont, including block grants in lieu of or in addition to funds herein designated as federal. The Governor, with the approval of the Legislature or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the Legislature is not in session, may allocate all or any portion of such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the basic appropriations in this act have been made.

(b) If, during fiscal year 2015, federal funds available to the State of Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2014 session of the Vermont General Assembly are converted into block grants or are abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for no more than 45 days prior to legislative or Joint Fiscal Committee approval. Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if the Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's request for approval.

Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total number of authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(11), shall not be increased during fiscal year 2015 except for new positions authorized by the 2014 session. Limited service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to this restriction.

Sec. A.108 LEGEND

(a) The bill is organized by functions of government. The sections between B.100 and B.9999 contain appropriations of funds for the upcoming budget year. The sections between E.100 and E.9999 contain language that relates to specific appropriations or government functions, or both. The function areas by section numbers are as follows:

<u>B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199</u>	<u>General Government</u>
<u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons and Property</u>
<u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
<u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
<u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
<u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
<u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and Community</u>
	<u>Development</u>
<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
<u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
<u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other appropriation</u>
	<u>actions</u>

(b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year and the D sections contain fund transfers and reserve allocations for the upcoming budget year.

Sec. B.100 Secretary of administration - secretary's office

Personal services	3,659,604
Operating expenses	<u>224,103</u>
Total	3,883,707

Source of funds

General fund	1,734,799
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,148,908</u>
Total	3,883,707

Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance

Personal services	1,258,484
Operating expenses	<u>131,517</u>
Total	1,390,001

Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,390,001</u>
Total	1,390,001

Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance

Personal services	1,200,543
Operating expenses	<u>273,822</u>

Total	1,474,365
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>1,474,365</u>
Total	1,474,365
Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
Personal services	284,607
Operating expenses	<u>53,572</u>
Total	338,179
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>338,179</u>
Total	338,179
Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
Personal services	24,311
Operating expenses	<u>8,623</u>
Total	32,934
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>32,934</u>
Total	32,934
Sec. B.104.1 Secretary of administration - VTHR operations	
Personal services	1,637,261
Operating expenses	<u>627,882</u>

Total	2,265,143
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	2,234,650
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>30,493</u>
Total	2,265,143

Sec. B.105 Information and innovation - communications and information
technology

Personal services	12,314,627
Operating expenses	8,915,522
Grants	<u>635,000</u>
Total	21,865,149
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>21,865,149</u>
Total	21,865,149

Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management

Personal services	1,236,647
Operating expenses	<u>231,947</u>
Total	1,468,594
Source of funds	
General fund	1,076,522
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>392,072</u>

Total	1,468,594
Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
Personal services	2,267,666
Operating expenses	<u>755,050</u>
Total	3,022,716
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>3,022,716</u>
Total	3,022,716
Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
Personal services	6,378,740
Operating expenses	<u>853,986</u>
Total	7,232,726
Source of funds	
General fund	1,690,943
Special funds	244,912
Internal service funds	4,586,343
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>710,528</u>
Total	7,232,726
Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
Personal services	1,062,489
Operating expenses	<u>678,074</u>

Total	1,740,563
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	1,726,152
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,411</u>
Total	1,740,563
Sec. B.110 Libraries	
Personal services	2,163,447
Operating expenses	1,674,388
Grants	<u>61,336</u>
Total	3,899,171
Source of funds	
General fund	2,746,649
Special funds	127,021
Federal funds	926,413
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>99,088</u>
Total	3,899,171
Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
Personal services	13,319,740
Operating expenses	<u>3,821,985</u>
Total	17,141,725

Source of funds

General fund	15,628,271
Special funds	1,370,888
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>142,566</u>
Total	17,141,725

Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration

Personal services	641,951
Operating expenses	<u>113,569</u>
Total	755,520

Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>755,520</u>
Total	755,520

Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering

Personal services	2,445,531
Operating expenses	<u>750,632</u>
Total	3,196,163

Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,196,163</u>
Total	3,196,163

Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers

Personal services	3,268,518
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Operating expenses	1,439,275
Grants	<u>33,000</u>
Total	4,740,793

Source of funds

General fund	678,129
Transportation fund	3,983,398
Special funds	<u>79,266</u>
Total	4,740,793

Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing

Personal services	976,157
Operating expenses	<u>182,954</u>
Total	1,159,111

Source of funds

General fund	<u>1,159,111</u>
Total	1,159,111

Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services

Personal services	650,215
Operating expenses	<u>137,100</u>
Total	787,315

Source of funds

General fund	79,157
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Internal service funds	<u>708,158</u>
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Total	787,315
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Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center

Personal services	690,354
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Operating expenses	<u>141,619</u>
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Total	831,973
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Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>831,973</u>
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Total	831,973
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Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services

Personal services	611,901
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Operating expenses	<u>177,943</u>
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Total	789,844
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Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>789,844</u>
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Total	789,844
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Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property

Personal services	28,409
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Operating expenses	<u>8,386</u>
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Total	36,795
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Source of funds

Enterprise funds	<u>36,795</u>
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Total	36,795
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Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property

Personal services	132,060
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Operating expenses	<u>121,675</u>
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Total	253,735
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Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>253,735</u>
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Total	253,735
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Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management

Personal services	1,344,303
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Operating expenses	<u>1,157,330</u>
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Total	2,501,633
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Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>2,501,633</u>
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Total	2,501,633
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Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space

Personal services	13,301,458
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Operating expenses	<u>15,759,443</u>
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Total	29,060,901
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Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>29,060,901</u>
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Total	29,060,901
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Sec. B.123 Geographic information system

Grants	<u>378,700</u>
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Total	378,700
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Source of funds

Special funds	<u>378,700</u>
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Total	378,700
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Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office

Personal services	1,265,598
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Operating expenses	<u>445,038</u>
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Total	1,710,636
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Source of funds

General fund	1,524,136
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Interdepartmental transfers	<u>186,500</u>
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Total	1,710,636
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Sec. B.125 Legislative council

Personal services	3,146,214
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Operating expenses	<u>745,924</u>
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Total	3,892,138
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Source of funds

General fund	<u>3,892,138</u>
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Total	3,892,138
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Sec. B.126 Legislature

Personal services	3,630,491
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Operating expenses	<u>3,414,026</u>
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Total	7,044,517
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Source of funds

General fund	<u>7,044,517</u>
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Total	7,044,517
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Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee

Personal services	1,412,776
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Operating expenses	<u>117,381</u>
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Total	1,530,157
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Source of funds

General fund	<u>1,530,157</u>
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Total	1,530,157
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Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms

Personal services	504,248
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Operating expenses	<u>68,299</u>
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Total	572,547
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Source of funds

General fund	<u>572,547</u>
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Total	572,547
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Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor

Personal services	151,116
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Operating expenses	<u>29,854</u>
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Total	180,970
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Source of funds

General fund	<u>180,970</u>
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Total	180,970
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Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts

Personal services	3,415,428
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Operating expenses	<u>159,153</u>
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Total	3,574,581
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Source of funds

General fund	396,846
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Special funds	53,145
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Internal service funds	<u>3,124,590</u>
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Total	3,574,581
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Sec. B.131 State treasurer

Personal services	3,019,207
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Operating expenses	<u>299,503</u>
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Total	3,318,710
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Source of funds

General fund	993,468
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Special funds	2,216,919
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Interdepartmental transfers	<u>108,323</u>
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Total	3,318,710
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Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property

Personal services	878,109
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Operating expenses	<u>261,084</u>
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Total	1,139,193
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Source of funds

Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,139,193</u>
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Total	1,139,193
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Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system

Personal services	7,964,390
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Operating expenses	<u>30,191,072</u>
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Total	38,155,462
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Source of funds

Pension trust funds	<u>38,155,462</u>
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Total	38,155,462
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Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system

Personal services	2,596,930
Operating expenses	<u>577,701</u>
Total	3,174,631

Source of funds

Pension trust funds	<u>3,174,631</u>
Total	3,174,631

Sec. B.135 State labor relations board

Personal services	184,811
Operating expenses	<u>43,512</u>
Total	228,323

Source of funds

General fund	218,747
Special funds	6,788
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
Total	228,323

Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board

Personal services	37,200
Operating expenses	<u>12,010</u>
Total	49,210

Source of funds

General fund	24,605
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>24,605</u>
Total	49,210

Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate

Grants	<u>15,717,000</u>
Total	15,717,000

Source of funds

General fund	<u>15,717,000</u>
Total	15,717,000

Sec. B.138 Renter rebate

Grants	<u>7,500,000</u>
Total	7,500,000

Source of funds

General fund	2,670,000
Education fund	<u>4,830,000</u>
Total	7,500,000

Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments

Grants	<u>3,275,000</u>
Total	3,275,000

Source of funds

Education fund	<u>3,275,000</u>
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Total	3,275,000
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Sec. B.140 Municipal current use

Grants	<u>14,000,000</u>
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Total	14,000,000
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Source of funds

General fund	<u>14,000,000</u>
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Total	14,000,000
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Sec. B.141 Lottery commission

Personal services	1,876,533
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Operating expenses	1,292,910
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Grants	<u>150,000</u>
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Total	3,319,443
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Source of funds

Enterprise funds	<u>3,319,443</u>
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Total	3,319,443
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Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes

Grants	<u>5,800,000</u>
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Total	5,800,000
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Source of funds

Special funds	<u>5,800,000</u>
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Total	5,800,000
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Sec. B.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier

Grants	<u>184,000</u>
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Total	184,000
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Source of funds

Special funds	<u>184,000</u>
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Total	184,000
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Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities

Grants	<u>40,000</u>
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Total	40,000
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Source of funds

Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
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Total	40,000
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Sec. B.145 Total general government

Source of funds

General fund	73,558,712
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Transportation fund	3,983,398
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Special funds	10,501,639
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Education fund	8,105,000
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Federal funds	926,413
Internal service funds	72,551,322
Interdepartmental transfers	9,201,966
Enterprise funds	3,356,238
Pension trust funds	41,330,093
Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,139,193</u>
Total	224,653,974

Sec. B.200 Attorney general

Personal services	7,963,181
Operating expenses	<u>1,242,623</u>
Total	9,205,804

Source of funds

General fund	4,332,106
Special funds	1,533,948
Tobacco fund	348,000
Federal funds	816,644
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,175,106</u>
Total	9,205,804

Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion

Grants	<u>1,916,483</u>
Total	1,916,483

Source of funds

General fund	1,396,486
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Special funds	<u>519,997</u>
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Total	1,916,483
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Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense

Personal services	9,172,266
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Operating expenses	<u>1,013,318</u>
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Total	10,185,584
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Source of funds

General fund	9,570,516
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Special funds	<u>615,068</u>
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Total	10,185,584
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Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel

Personal services	4,161,963
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Operating expenses	<u>49,819</u>
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Total	4,211,782
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Source of funds

General fund	4,188,298
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Special funds	<u>23,484</u>
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Total	4,211,782
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Sec. B.204 Judiciary

Personal services	33,471,779
Operating expenses	8,728,658
Grants	<u>70,000</u>
Total	42,270,437

Source of funds

General fund	36,391,687
Special funds	2,598,672
Tobacco fund	39,871
Federal funds	858,811
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,381,396</u>
Total	42,270,437

Sec. B.205 State's attorneys

Personal services	10,317,677
Operating expenses	<u>1,830,089</u>
Total	12,147,766

Source of funds

General fund	9,628,628
Special funds	75,363
Federal funds	31,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,412,775</u>

Total	12,147,766
Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
Personal services	85,676
Grants	<u>1,589,162</u>
Total	1,674,838
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,674,838</u>
Total	1,674,838
Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
Personal services	3,517,732
Operating expenses	<u>371,525</u>
Total	3,889,257
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>3,889,257</u>
Total	3,889,257
Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
Personal services	3,548,125
Operating expenses	2,457,095
Grants	<u>1,900,000</u>
Total	7,905,220

Source of funds

General fund	2,986,248
Federal funds	3,877,825
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,041,147</u>
Total	7,905,220

Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

Personal services	49,899,602
Operating expenses	8,279,942
Grants	<u>820,000</u>
Total	58,999,544

Source of funds

General fund	29,741,838
Transportation fund	22,750,000
Special funds	2,745,998
Federal funds	2,675,986
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,085,722</u>
Total	58,999,544

Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services

Personal services	6,879,112
Operating expenses	<u>1,610,302</u>
Total	8,489,414

Source of funds

General fund	6,091,507
Special funds	1,749,302
Federal funds	564,858
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>83,747</u>
Total	8,489,414

Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management and homeland security

Personal services	3,582,129
Operating expenses	888,766
Grants	<u>15,137,210</u>
Total	19,608,105

Source of funds

General fund	687,101
Federal funds	18,859,172
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>61,832</u>
Total	19,608,105

Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety

Personal services	5,796,205
Operating expenses	1,916,612
Grants	<u>107,000</u>
Total	7,819,817

Source of funds

General fund	672,618
Special funds	6,758,427
Federal funds	343,772
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
Total	7,819,817

Sec. B.214 Radiological emergency response plan

Personal services	571,875
Operating expenses	276,108
Grants	<u>1,256,649</u>
Total	2,104,632

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>2,104,632</u>
Total	2,104,632

Sec. B.215 Military - administration

Personal services	698,615
Operating expenses	360,393
Grants	<u>100,000</u>
Total	1,159,008

Source of funds

General fund	<u>1,159,008</u>
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Total	1,159,008
Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
Personal services	4,909,339
Operating expenses	<u>1,088,600</u>
Total	5,997,939
Source of funds	
General fund	463,123
Federal funds	<u>5,534,816</u>
Total	5,997,939
Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
Personal services	4,041,859
Operating expenses	<u>9,141,931</u>
Total	13,183,790
Source of funds	
General fund	144,854
Federal funds	<u>13,038,936</u>
Total	13,183,790
Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
Personal services	966,804
Operating expenses	<u>464,405</u>
Total	1,431,209

Source of funds

General fund	1,380,277
Federal funds	<u>50,932</u>
Total	1,431,209

Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs

Personal services	586,009
Operating expenses	126,009
Grants	<u>154,984</u>
Total	867,002

Source of funds

General fund	754,984
Special funds	65,000
Federal funds	<u>47,018</u>
Total	867,002

Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services

Personal services	1,426,583
Operating expenses	278,836
Grants	<u>8,250,733</u>
Total	9,956,152

Source of funds

General fund	1,208,747
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Special funds	4,875,409
Federal funds	<u>3,871,996</u>
Total	9,956,152

Sec. B.221 Criminal justice training council

Personal services	1,366,969
Operating expenses	<u>1,239,853</u>
Total	2,606,822

Source of funds

General fund	2,365,241
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>241,581</u>
Total	2,606,822

Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration

Personal services	1,238,029
Operating expenses	248,162
Grants	<u>305,034</u>
Total	1,791,225

Source of funds

General fund	1,040,127
Special funds	466,399
Federal funds	<u>284,699</u>
Total	1,791,225

Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer
protection

Personal services	3,180,467
Operating expenses	755,482
Grants	<u>2,600,000</u>
Total	6,535,949

Source of funds

General fund	2,289,170
Special funds	3,374,114
Federal funds	831,737
Global Commitment fund	34,006
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>6,922</u>
Total	6,535,949

Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development

Personal services	1,095,075
Operating expenses	678,620
Grants	<u>2,170,275</u>
Total	3,943,970

Source of funds

General fund	2,499,902
Special funds	915,846

Federal funds	415,587
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>112,635</u>
Total	3,943,970

Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - laboratories, agricultural resource
management and environmental stewardship

Personal services	4,220,329
Operating expenses	927,514
Grants	<u>1,238,231</u>
Total	6,386,074

Source of funds

General fund	2,472,419
Special funds	2,358,755
Federal funds	1,142,878
Global Commitment fund	56,272
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>355,750</u>
Total	6,386,074

Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration

Personal services	1,794,130
Operating expenses	<u>163,454</u>
Total	1,957,584

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>1,957,584</u>
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Total	1,957,584
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Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking

Personal services	1,502,310
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Operating expenses	<u>304,782</u>
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Total	1,807,092
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Source of funds

Special funds	<u>1,807,092</u>
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Total	1,807,092
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Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance

Personal services	6,360,027
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Operating expenses	<u>526,831</u>
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Total	6,886,858
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Source of funds

Special funds	5,196,858
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Federal funds	1,369,989
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Interdepartmental transfers	<u>320,011</u>
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Total	6,886,858
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Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance

Personal services	3,831,831
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Operating expenses	<u>479,808</u>
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Total	4,311,639
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Source of funds

Special funds	<u>4,311,639</u>
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Total	4,311,639
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Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities

Personal services	500,118
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Operating expenses	<u>170,924</u>
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Total	671,042
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Source of funds

Special funds	<u>671,042</u>
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Total	671,042
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Sec. B.232 Secretary of state

Personal services	8,171,691
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Operating expenses	2,089,440
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Grants	<u>20,000</u>
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Total	10,281,131
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Source of funds

Special funds	7,895,931
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Federal funds	2,310,200
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Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
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Total	10,281,131
Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
Personal services	12,834,281
Operating expenses	943,498
Grants	<u>5,895,202</u>
Total	19,672,981
Source of funds	
Special funds	18,684,328
Federal funds	712,951
ARRA funds	238,000
Enterprise funds	<u>37,702</u>
Total	19,672,981
Sec. B.234 Public service board	
Personal services	2,941,140
Operating expenses	<u>457,936</u>
Total	3,399,076
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>3,399,076</u>
Total	3,399,076
Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board	
Personal services	3,435,547

Operating expenses	284,283
Grants	<u>885,000</u>
Total	4,604,830

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>4,604,830</u>
Total	4,604,830

Sec. B.236 Human rights commission

Personal services	413,945
Operating expenses	<u>85,870</u>
Total	499,815

Source of funds

General fund	426,510
Federal funds	<u>73,305</u>
Total	499,815

Sec. B.237 Liquor control - administration

Personal services	3,408,532
Operating expenses	<u>641,367</u>
Total	4,049,899

Source of funds

Enterprise funds	<u>4,049,899</u>
Total	4,049,899

Sec. B.238 Liquor control - enforcement and licensing

Personal services	2,229,505
Operating expenses	<u>488,303</u>
Total	2,717,808

Source of funds

Special funds	28,225
Tobacco fund	218,444
Federal funds	254,841
Interdepartmental transfers	88,000
Enterprise funds	<u>2,128,298</u>
Total	2,717,808

Sec. B.239 Liquor control - warehousing and distribution

Personal services	917,474
Operating expenses	<u>456,047</u>
Total	1,373,521

Source of funds

Enterprise funds	<u>1,373,521</u>
Total	1,373,521

Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

General fund	127,455,490
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Transportation fund	22,750,000
Special funds	79,337,019
Tobacco fund	606,315
Federal funds	57,967,953
ARRA funds	238,000
Global Commitment fund	90,278
Interdepartmental transfers	10,486,624
Enterprise funds	<u>7,589,420</u>
Total	306,521,099

Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office

Personal services	10,644,482
Operating expenses	3,796,083
Grants	<u>6,994,658</u>
Total	21,435,223

Source of funds

General fund	7,332,772
Special funds	91,017
Tobacco fund	224,698
Federal funds	10,077,015
Global Commitment fund	415,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,294,721</u>

Total	21,435,223
Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
Operating expenses	5,340,670
Grants	<u>1,327,708,491</u>
Total	1,333,049,161
Source of funds	
General fund	194,995,109
Special funds	24,058,084
Tobacco fund	33,031,032
State health care resources fund	268,592,899
Federal funds	812,332,037
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>40,000</u>
Total	1,333,049,161
Sec. B.302 Rate setting	
Personal services	879,023
Operating expenses	<u>98,596</u>
Total	977,619
Source of funds	
Global Commitment fund	<u>977,619</u>
Total	977,619

Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council

Personal services	225,453
Operating expenses	67,012
Grants	<u>248,388</u>
Total	540,853
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>540,853</u>
Total	540,853

Sec. B.304 Human services board

Personal services	740,493
Operating expenses	<u>89,986</u>
Total	830,479
Source of funds	
General fund	126,534
Federal funds	388,686
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>315,259</u>
Total	830,479

Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund

Personal services	350,000
Operating expenses	<u>4,650,000</u>
Total	5,000,000

Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,000,000</u>
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Total	5,000,000
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Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration

Personal services	145,699,406
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Operating expenses	4,210,327
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Grants	<u>21,143,239</u>
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Total	171,052,972
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Source of funds

General fund	1,330,489
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Special funds	3,626,895
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Federal funds	95,548,406
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Global Commitment fund	60,399,052
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Interdepartmental transfers	<u>10,148,130</u>
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Total	171,052,972
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Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global
commitment

Grants	<u>651,883,597</u>
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Total	651,883,597
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Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	<u>651,883,597</u>
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Total	651,883,597
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Sec. B.308 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - long
term care waiver

Grants	<u>206,894,740</u>
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Total	206,894,740
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Source of funds

General fund	90,092,886
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Federal funds	<u>116,801,854</u>
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Total	206,894,740
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Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state
only

Grants	<u>45,213,819</u>
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Total	45,213,819
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Source of funds

General fund	32,906,820
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Global Commitment fund	<u>12,306,999</u>
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Total	45,213,819
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Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver
matched

Grants	<u>45,783,374</u>
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Total	45,783,374
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Source of funds

General fund	19,344,908
Federal funds	<u>26,438,466</u>
Total	45,783,374

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

Personal services	6,429,497
Operating expenses	3,086,498
Grants	<u>3,465,000</u>
Total	12,980,995

Source of funds

General fund	2,267,507
Special funds	1,019,232
Federal funds	5,420,656
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,273,600</u>
Total	12,980,995

Sec. B.312 Health - public health

Personal services	35,272,377
Operating expenses	7,190,703
Grants	<u>38,929,747</u>
Total	81,392,827

Source of funds

General fund	8,276,959
Special funds	13,028,733
Tobacco fund	2,461,377
Federal funds	36,996,383
Global Commitment fund	19,502,019
Interdepartmental transfers	1,102,356
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
Total	81,392,827

Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs

Personal services	3,614,712
Operating expenses	391,758
Grants	<u>32,577,910</u>
Total	36,584,380

Source of funds

General fund	3,110,943
Special funds	442,829
Tobacco fund	1,386,234
Federal funds	8,736,090
Global Commitment fund	22,558,284
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>350,000</u>

Total	36,584,380
Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
Personal services	28,187,222
Operating expenses	3,426,492
Grants	<u>186,128,035</u>
Total	217,741,749
Source of funds	
General fund	1,760,478
Special funds	429,904
Federal funds	5,137,194
Global Commitment fund	210,394,173
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>20,000</u>
Total	217,741,749
Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support services	
Personal services	42,102,235
Operating expenses	10,054,038
Grants	<u>1,322,998</u>
Total	53,479,271
Source of funds	
General fund	19,615,093

Special funds	638,986
Federal funds	16,162,050
Global Commitment fund	16,495,072
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>568,070</u>
Total	53,479,271

Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services

Personal services	24,160,528
Operating expenses	3,521,433
Grants	<u>65,367,916</u>
Total	93,049,877

Source of funds

General fund	22,985,020
Special funds	1,691,637
Federal funds	26,286,550
Global Commitment fund	41,920,616
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>166,054</u>
Total	93,049,877

Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development

Personal services	3,540,292
Operating expenses	435,820
Grants	<u>70,339,626</u>

Total	74,315,738
Source of funds	
General fund	34,431,403
Special funds	1,820,000
Federal funds	26,781,807
Global Commitment fund	<u>11,282,528</u>
Total	74,315,738

Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support

Personal services	9,479,790
Operating expenses	<u>4,080,498</u>
Total	13,560,288
Source of funds	
General fund	3,371,006
Special funds	455,718
Federal funds	9,345,964
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
Total	13,560,288

Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and
disabled

Personal services	1,915,532
Grants	<u>11,477,094</u>

Total	13,392,626
Source of funds	
General fund	9,642,626
Global Commitment fund	<u>3,750,000</u>
Total	13,392,626
Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
Grants	<u>10,283,816</u>
Total	10,283,816
Source of funds	
General fund	8,480,025
Federal funds	1,111,320
Global Commitment fund	<u>692,471</u>
Total	10,283,816
Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
Grants	<u>27,575,722</u>
Total	27,575,722
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>27,575,722</u>
Total	27,575,722
Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
Operating expenses	226,675

Grants	<u>49,091,105</u>
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Total	49,317,780
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Source of funds

General fund	19,143,717
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Special funds	22,096,676
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Federal funds	5,702,987
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Global Commitment fund	<u>2,374,400</u>
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Total	49,317,780
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Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel

assistance/LIHEAP

Grants	<u>23,351,664</u>
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Total	23,351,664
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Source of funds

General fund	6,000,000
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Federal funds	<u>17,351,664</u>
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Total	23,351,664
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Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic

opportunity

Personal services	276,378
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Operating expenses	29,421
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Grants	<u>5,331,662</u>
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Total	5,637,461
Source of funds	
General fund	1,723,191
Special funds	57,990
Federal funds	3,652,465
Global Commitment fund	<u>203,815</u>
Total	5,637,461

Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization
assistance

Personal services	255,552
Operating expenses	52,098
Grants	<u>10,629,344</u>
Total	10,936,994
Source of funds	
Special funds	9,936,994
Federal funds	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total	10,936,994

Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - Woodside rehabilitation
center

Personal services	3,876,220
Operating expenses	<u>692,591</u>

Total	4,568,811
Source of funds	
General fund	863,579
Global Commitment fund	3,650,340
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>54,892</u>
Total	4,568,811

Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination
services

Personal services	4,887,459
Operating expenses	<u>494,927</u>
Total	5,382,386
Source of funds	
Federal funds	5,151,322
Global Commitment fund	<u>231,064</u>
Total	5,382,386

Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &
support

Personal services	27,405,835
Operating expenses	<u>4,438,345</u>
Total	31,844,180

Source of funds

General fund	8,869,530
Special funds	1,390,457
Federal funds	12,337,350
Global Commitment fund	6,712,988
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,533,855</u>
Total	31,844,180

Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and
independent living grants

Grants	<u>21,622,625</u>
Total	21,622,625

Source of funds

General fund	8,306,069
Federal funds	7,640,264
Global Commitment fund	5,463,209
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>213,083</u>
Total	21,622,625

Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually
impaired

Grants	<u>1,481,457</u>
Total	1,481,457

Source of funds

General fund	364,064
Special funds	223,450
Federal funds	648,943
Global Commitment fund	<u>245,000</u>
Total	1,481,457

Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational
rehabilitation

Grants	<u>8,795,971</u>
Total	8,795,971

Source of funds

General fund	1,535,695
Special funds	70,000
Federal funds	4,062,389
Global Commitment fund	7,500
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,120,387</u>
Total	8,795,971

Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental services

Grants	<u>180,588,711</u>
Total	180,588,711

Source of funds

General fund	155,125
Special funds	15,463
Federal funds	359,857
Global Commitment fund	180,000,266
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>58,000</u>
Total	180,588,711

Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and
community based waiver

Grants	<u>5,065,064</u>
Total	5,065,064

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	<u>5,065,064</u>
Total	5,065,064

Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration

Personal services	2,127,142
Operating expenses	<u>226,070</u>
Total	2,353,212

Source of funds

General fund	<u>2,353,212</u>
Total	2,353,212

Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board

Personal services	238,111
Operating expenses	<u>80,803</u>
Total	318,914

Source of funds

General fund	<u>318,914</u>
Total	318,914

Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education

Personal services	3,809,009
Operating expenses	<u>530,774</u>
Total	4,339,783

Source of funds

Education fund	3,804,425
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>535,358</u>
Total	4,339,783

Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

Personal services	98,146,904
Operating expenses	20,761,932
Grants	<u>9,518,149</u>
Total	128,426,985

Source of funds

General fund	121,196,652
Special funds	483,963
Federal funds	470,962
Global Commitment fund	5,879,093
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
Total	128,426,985

Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services-out of state beds

Personal services	<u>12,553,629</u>
Total	12,553,629

Source of funds

General fund	<u>12,553,629</u>
Total	12,553,629

Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation

Personal services	510,933
Operating expenses	<u>345,501</u>
Total	856,434

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>856,434</u>
Total	856,434

Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program

Personal services	1,170,139
Operating expenses	<u>548,231</u>
Total	1,718,370
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>1,718,370</u>
Total	1,718,370

Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services

Personal services	16,592,891
Operating expenses	<u>4,910,682</u>
Total	21,503,573
Source of funds	
General fund	2,817,331
Special funds	10,360,890
Federal funds	7,914,366
Global Commitment fund	<u>410,986</u>
Total	21,503,573

Sec. B.343 Commission on women

Personal services	258,272
Operating expenses	<u>90,702</u>
Total	348,974

Source of funds

General fund	343,974
Special funds	<u>5,000</u>
Total	348,974

Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program

Grants	<u>151,096</u>
Total	151,096

Source of funds

General fund	<u>151,096</u>
Total	151,096

Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board

Personal services	7,454,787
Operating expenses	369,860
Grants	<u>477,000</u>
Total	8,301,647

Source of funds

General fund	635,193
Special funds	1,557,079
Global Commitment fund	2,626,782
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,482,593</u>
Total	8,301,647

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund	647,401,549
Special funds	94,357,431
Tobacco fund	37,103,341
State health care resources fund	268,592,899
Education fund	3,804,425
Federal funds	1,291,973,622
Global Commitment fund	1,269,721,537
Internal service funds	1,718,370
Interdepartmental transfers	31,786,673
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
Total	3,646,484,847

Sec. B.400 Labor - programs

Personal services	24,664,021
Operating expenses	4,921,135
Grants	<u>1,781,435</u>
Total	31,366,591

Source of funds

General fund	3,036,896
Special funds	3,363,869

Federal funds	23,902,400
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,063,426</u>
Total	31,366,591

Sec. B.401 Total labor

Source of funds

General fund	3,036,896
Special funds	3,363,869
Federal funds	23,902,400
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,063,426</u>
Total	31,366,591

Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration

Personal services	7,720,192
Operating expenses	2,467,828
Grants	<u>15,591,200</u>
Total	25,779,220

Source of funds

General fund	3,134,289
Special funds	16,915,247
Education fund	1,163,360
Federal funds	3,674,129
Global Commitment fund	<u>892,195</u>

Total	25,779,220
Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
Personal services	14,147,448
Operating expenses	1,780,412
Grants	<u>123,918,147</u>
Total	139,846,007
Source of funds	
General fund	5,967,798
Special funds	3,463,696
Federal funds	130,390,263
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>24,250</u>
Total	139,846,007
Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
Grants	<u>173,292,153</u>
Total	173,292,153
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>173,292,153</u>
Total	173,292,153
Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
Grants	<u>16,900,000</u>
Total	16,900,000

Source of funds

Education fund	<u>16,900,000</u>
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Total	16,900,000
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Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy

Grants	<u>7,351,468</u>
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Total	7,351,468
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Source of funds

General fund	787,995
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Education fund	5,800,000
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Federal funds	<u>763,473</u>
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Total	7,351,468
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Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment

Grants	<u>1,258,535,630</u>
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Total	1,258,535,630
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Source of funds

Education fund	<u>1,258,535,630</u>
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Total	1,258,535,630
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Sec. B.506 Education - transportation

Grants	<u>17,163,059</u>
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Total	17,163,059
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Source of funds

Education fund	<u>17,163,059</u>
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Total	17,163,059
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Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants

Grants	<u>7,650,000</u>
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Total	7,650,000
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Source of funds

Education fund	<u>7,650,000</u>
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Total	7,650,000
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Sec. B.508 Education - capital debt service aid

Grants	<u>126,000</u>
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Total	126,000
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Source of funds

Education fund	<u>126,000</u>
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Total	126,000
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Sec. B.509 Education - tobacco litigation

Personal services	109,523
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Operating expenses	32,599
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Grants	<u>624,419</u>
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Total	766,541
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Source of funds

Tobacco fund	<u>766,541</u>
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Total	766,541
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Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant

Grants	<u>6,296,479</u>
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Total	6,296,479
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Source of funds

Education fund	<u>6,296,479</u>
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Total	6,296,479
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Sec. B.511 Education - technical education

Grants	<u>13,708,162</u>
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Total	13,708,162
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Source of funds

Education fund	<u>13,708,162</u>
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Total	13,708,162
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Sec. B.512 Education - Act 117 cost containment

Personal services	1,090,293
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Operating expenses	144,697
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Grants	<u>91,000</u>
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Total	1,325,990
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Source of funds

Special funds	<u>1,325,990</u>
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Total	1,325,990
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Sec. B.513 Appropriation and transfer to education fund

Grants	<u>295,816,793</u>
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Total	295,816,793
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Source of funds

General fund	<u>295,816,793</u>
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Total	295,816,793
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Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system

Personal services	8,461,967
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Operating expenses	1,250,497
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Grants	<u>72,857,163</u>
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Total	82,569,627
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Source of funds

General fund	72,857,163
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Pension trust funds	<u>9,712,464</u>
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Total	82,569,627
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Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits

Operating expenses	<u>28,600,000</u>
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Total	28,600,000
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Source of funds

General fund	8,252,007
Special funds	2,500,000
Retired Teachers' Health Fund	<u>17,847,993</u>
Total	28,600,000

Sec. B.516 Total general education

Source of funds

General fund	386,816,045
Special funds	24,204,933
Tobacco fund	766,541
Education fund	1,500,634,843
Retired Teachers' Health Fund	17,847,993
Federal funds	134,827,865
Global Commitment fund	892,195
Interdepartmental transfers	24,250
Pension trust funds	<u>9,712,464</u>
Total	2,075,727,129

Sec. B.600 University of Vermont

Grants	<u>42,701,407</u>
Total	42,701,407

Source of funds

General fund	38,655,190
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,046,217</u>
Total	42,701,407

Sec. B.601 Vermont Public Television

Grants	<u>553,160</u>
Total	553,160

Source of funds

General fund	<u>553,160</u>
Total	553,160

Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges

Grants	<u>24,421,966</u>
Total	24,421,966

Source of funds

General fund	<u>24,421,966</u>
Total	24,421,966

Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health

Grants	<u>1,157,775</u>
Total	1,157,775

Source of funds

General fund	748,314
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Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>
Total	1,157,775
Sec. B.604 Vermont interactive technology	
Grants	<u>817,341</u>
Total	817,341
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>817,341</u>
Total	817,341
Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
Grants	<u>19,511,514</u>
Total	19,511,514
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>19,511,514</u>
Total	19,511,514
Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	
Grants	<u>84,000</u>
Total	84,000
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>84,000</u>
Total	84,000

Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - Morgan Horse Farm

Grants	<u>1</u>
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Total	1
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Source of funds

General fund	<u>1</u>
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Total	1
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Sec. B.608 Total higher education

Source of funds

General fund	84,791,486
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Global Commitment fund	<u>4,455,678</u>
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Total	89,247,164
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Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration

Personal services	3,214,228
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Operating expenses	2,021,823
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Grants	<u>45,510</u>
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Total	5,281,561
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Source of funds

General fund	5,038,028
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Special funds	19,395
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Federal funds	20,000
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Interdepartmental transfers	<u>204,138</u>
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Total	5,281,561
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Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment

Operating expenses	<u>2,351,821</u>
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Total	2,351,821
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Source of funds

General fund	1,930,321
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Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
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Total	2,351,821
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Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services

Personal services	14,971,049
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Operating expenses	4,972,074
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Grants	<u>1,038,000</u>
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Total	20,981,123
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Source of funds

General fund	4,982,851
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Special funds	30,000
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Fish and wildlife fund	8,531,727
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Federal funds	7,251,045
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Interdepartmental transfers	184,000
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Permanent trust funds	<u>1,500</u>
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Total	20,981,123
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Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration

Personal services	1,228,919
Operating expenses	621,465
Grants	<u>1,777,791</u>
Total	3,628,175
Source of funds	
General fund	1,150,762
Special funds	1,307,878
Federal funds	<u>1,169,535</u>
Total	3,628,175

Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry

Personal services	5,008,653
Operating expenses	662,242
Grants	<u>500,700</u>
Total	6,171,595
Source of funds	
General fund	3,839,095
Special funds	975,000
Federal funds	1,200,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>157,500</u>
Total	6,171,595

Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks

Personal services	6,622,664
Operating expenses	<u>2,385,995</u>
Total	9,008,659

Source of funds

General fund	651,211
Special funds	<u>8,357,448</u>
Total	9,008,659

Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration

Personal services	459,738
Operating expenses	<u>1,203,292</u>
Total	1,663,030

Source of funds

General fund	415,075
Special funds	179,205
Federal funds	1,050,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>18,750</u>
Total	1,663,030

Sec. B.707 Forests, parks and recreation - youth conservation corps

Grants	<u>522,702</u>
Total	522,702

Source of funds

General fund	50,320
Special funds	188,382
Federal funds	94,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>190,000</u>
Total	522,702

Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest highway maintenance

Personal services	94,000
Operating expenses	<u>85,925</u>
Total	179,925

Source of funds

General fund	<u>179,925</u>
Total	179,925

Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services

Personal services	5,232,473
Operating expenses	1,145,813
Grants	<u>111,280</u>
Total	6,489,566

Source of funds

General fund	770,576
Special funds	536,222

Federal funds	448,450
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,734,318</u>
Total	6,489,566

Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management

Personal services	9,672,744
Operating expenses	8,317,152
Grants	<u>2,095,254</u>
Total	20,085,150

Source of funds

General fund	405,741
Special funds	16,173,706
Federal funds	3,412,703
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>93,000</u>
Total	20,085,150

Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs

Personal services	15,704,693
Operating expenses	4,934,124
Grants	<u>2,144,694</u>
Total	22,783,511

Source of funds

General fund	8,203,517
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Special funds	6,540,910
Federal funds	6,985,254
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,053,830</u>
Total	22,783,511

Sec. B.712 Environmental conservation - tax-loss Connecticut river flood
control

Operating expenses	<u>34,700</u>
Total	34,700

Source of funds

General fund	3,470
Special funds	<u>31,230</u>
Total	34,700

Sec. B.713 Natural resources board

Personal services	2,454,016
Operating expenses	<u>390,742</u>
Total	2,844,758

Source of funds

General fund	827,770
Special funds	<u>2,016,988</u>
Total	2,844,758

Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

Source of funds

General fund	28,448,662
Special funds	36,356,364
Fish and wildlife fund	8,531,727
Federal funds	21,630,987
Interdepartmental transfers	7,057,036
Permanent trust funds	<u>1,500</u>
Total	102,026,276

Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce and
community development - administration

Personal services	2,103,508
Operating expenses	637,521
Grants	<u>3,204,570</u>
Total	5,945,599

Source of funds

General fund	3,075,599
Special funds	2,000,000
Federal funds	800,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>70,000</u>
Total	5,945,599

Sec. B.801 Economic development

Personal services	3,291,085
Operating expenses	708,712
Grants	<u>2,047,203</u>
Total	6,047,000

Source of funds

General fund	4,655,650
Special funds	730,350
Federal funds	<u>661,000</u>
Total	6,047,000

Sec. B.802 Housing & community development

Personal services	6,713,952
Operating expenses	833,582
Grants	<u>2,323,345</u>
Total	9,870,879

Source of funds

General fund	2,374,468
Special funds	4,975,188
Federal funds	2,256,223
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>265,000</u>
Total	9,870,879

Sec. B.803 Historic sites - special improvements

Operating expenses	<u>13,000</u>
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Total	13,000
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Source of funds

Special funds	<u>13,000</u>
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Total	13,000
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Sec. B.804 Community development block grants

Grants	<u>14,974,489</u>
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Total	14,974,489
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Source of funds

Federal funds	<u>14,974,489</u>
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Total	14,974,489
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Sec. B.805 Downtown transportation and capital improvement fund

Personal services	87,746
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Grants	<u>296,220</u>
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Total	383,966
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Source of funds

Special funds	<u>383,966</u>
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Total	383,966
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Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing

Personal services	1,178,755
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Operating expenses	1,900,439
Grants	<u>221,500</u>
Total	3,300,694

Source of funds

General fund	3,200,694
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
Total	3,300,694

Sec. B.807 Vermont life

Personal services	762,108
Operating expenses	<u>68,585</u>
Total	830,693

Source of funds

Enterprise funds	<u>830,693</u>
Total	830,693

Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts

Grants	<u>651,723</u>
Total	651,723

Source of funds

General fund	<u>651,723</u>
Total	651,723

Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra

Grants	<u>142,626</u>
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Total	142,626
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Source of funds

General fund	<u>142,626</u>
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Total	142,626
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Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society

Grants	<u>919,184</u>
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Total	919,184
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Source of funds

General fund	<u>919,184</u>
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Total	919,184
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Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board

Grants	<u>29,241,812</u>
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Total	29,241,812
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Source of funds

Special funds	15,950,936
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Federal funds	<u>13,290,876</u>
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Total	29,241,812
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Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council

Grants	<u>220,138</u>
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Total	220,138
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>220,138</u>
Total	220,138
Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
Source of funds	
General fund	15,240,082
Special funds	24,053,440
Federal funds	31,982,588
Interdepartmental transfers	435,000
Enterprise funds	<u>830,693</u>
Total	72,541,803
Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
Personal services	10,044,881
Operating expenses	2,273,283
Grants	<u>275,000</u>
Total	12,593,164
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	11,570,784
Federal funds	<u>1,022,380</u>
Total	12,593,164

Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation

Personal services	3,481,513
Operating expenses	16,290,006
Grants	<u>177,000</u>
Total	19,948,519

Source of funds

Transportation fund	5,192,205
Federal funds	<u>14,756,314</u>
Total	19,948,519

Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings

Operating expenses	<u>2,760,000</u>
Total	2,760,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund	1,060,000
TIB fund	<u>1,700,000</u>
Total	2,760,000

Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development

Personal services	42,916,407
Operating expenses	270,586,371
Grants	<u>23,125,586</u>
Total	336,628,364

Source of funds

Transportation fund	40,704,471
TIB fund	14,897,087
Federal funds	277,542,839
Interdepartmental transfers	1,817,041
Local match	<u>1,666,926</u>
Total	336,628,364

Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction

Operating expenses	<u>850,000</u>
Total	850,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund	355,000
Federal funds	<u>495,000</u>
Total	850,000

Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system

Personal services	39,757,772
Operating expenses	40,317,145
Grants	<u>120,000</u>
Total	80,194,917

Source of funds

Transportation fund	78,792,117
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Federal funds	1,302,800
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
Total	80,194,917

Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning

Personal services	4,297,708
Operating expenses	1,603,439
Grants	<u>5,197,417</u>
Total	11,098,564

Source of funds

Transportation fund	2,121,421
Federal funds	8,726,143
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>251,000</u>
Total	11,098,564

Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail

Personal services	5,127,808
Operating expenses	31,852,434
Grants	<u>357,029</u>
Total	37,337,271

Source of funds

Transportation fund	14,088,993
TIB fund	2,720,000

Federal funds	<u>20,528,278</u>
Total	37,337,271
Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
Personal services	1,055,679
Operating expenses	111,413
Grants	<u>28,679,829</u>
Total	29,846,921
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	8,473,293
Federal funds	<u>21,373,628</u>
Total	29,846,921
Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
Personal services	4,384,259
Operating expenses	<u>15,815,967</u>
Total	20,200,226
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>20,200,226</u>
Total	20,200,226
Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
Personal services	16,104,305
Operating expenses	<u>9,316,770</u>

Total	25,421,075
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	23,985,937
Federal funds	<u>1,435,138</u>
Total	25,421,075
Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
Grants	<u>6,333,500</u>
Total	6,333,500
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>6,333,500</u>
Total	6,333,500
Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program	
Grants	<u>400,000</u>
Total	400,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	235,000
Federal funds	<u>165,000</u>
Total	400,000
Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	
Grants	<u>7,248,750</u>
Total	7,248,750

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<u>7,248,750</u>
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Total	7,248,750
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Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges

Personal services	4,250,000
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Operating expenses	12,032,361
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Grants	<u>200,000</u>
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Total	16,482,361
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Source of funds

Transportation fund	1,663,224
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TIB fund	578,000
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Federal funds	13,315,652
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Local match	<u>925,485</u>
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Total	16,482,361
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Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program

Grants	<u>25,982,744</u>
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Total	25,982,744
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Source of funds

Transportation fund	<u>25,982,744</u>
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Total	25,982,744
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Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants

Grants	<u>128,750</u>
Total	128,750
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
Total	128,750

Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters

Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
Total	1,150,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
Total	1,150,000

Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters

Grants	<u>1,440,000</u>
Total	1,440,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	160,000
Federal funds	<u>1,280,000</u>
Total	1,440,000

Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation grant program

Grants	<u>871,500</u>
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Total	871,500
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	440,000
Federal funds	204,500
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>227,000</u>
Total	871,500
Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program	
Grants	<u>48,630,222</u>
Total	48,630,222
Source of funds	
Special funds	3,630,222
Federal funds	<u>45,000,000</u>
Total	48,630,222
Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
Personal services	185,248
Operating expenses	<u>31,652</u>
Total	216,900
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>216,900</u>
Total	216,900

Sec. B.922 Total transportation

Source of funds

Transportation fund	229,903,089
TIB fund	19,895,087
Special funds	3,630,222
Federal funds	407,147,672
Internal service funds	20,200,226
Interdepartmental transfers	2,395,041
Local match	<u>2,592,411</u>
Total	685,763,748

Sec. B.1000 Debt service

Operating expenses	<u>71,791,440</u>
Total	71,791,440

Source of funds

General fund	65,401,531
Transportation fund	2,094,555
TIB debt service fund	2,502,313
Special funds	632,940
ARRA funds	<u>1,160,101</u>
Total	71,791,440

Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

Source of funds

General fund	65,401,531
Transportation fund	2,094,555
TIB debt service fund	2,502,313
Special funds	632,940
ARRA funds	<u>1,160,101</u>
Total	71,791,440

Sec. B.1100 NEXT GENERATION; APPROPRIATIONS AND

TRANSFERS

(a) In fiscal year 2015, \$3,293,000 is appropriated or transferred from the Next Generation Initiative Fund created in 16 V.S.A. § 2887 as prescribed:

(1) Workforce education and training. The amount of \$1,377,500 as follows:

(A) Workforce Education and Training Fund (WETF). The amount of \$817,500 is transferred to the Vermont Workforce Education and Training Fund created in 10 V.S.A. § 543 and subsequently appropriated to the Department of Labor for workforce education and training. Up to seven percent of the funds may be used for administration of the program. Of this amount, \$350,000 shall be allocated for competitive grants for internships through the Vermont Career Internship Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 544.

(B) Adult Technical Education Programs. The amount of \$360,000 is appropriated to the Department of Labor in consultation with the State Workforce Investment Board. This appropriation is for the purpose of awarding competitive grants to regional technical centers and high schools to provide adult technical education, as that term is defined in 16 V.S.A. § 1522, to unemployed and underemployed Vermont adults.

(C) The amount of \$200,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to issue performance grants to the University of Vermont and the Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies for patent development and commercialization of technology and to enhance the development of high technology businesses and Next Generation employment opportunities throughout Vermont.

(2) Loan repayment. The amount of \$330,000 as follows:

(A) Health care loan repayment. The amount of \$300,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Human Services – Global Commitment for the Department of Health to use for health care loan repayment. The Department shall use these funds for a grant to the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) for repayment of commercial or governmental loans for postsecondary health-care-related education or training owed by persons living and working in Vermont in the health care field.

(B) Large animal veterinarians' loan forgiveness. The amount of \$30,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for a loan forgiveness program for large animal veterinarians pursuant to 6 V.S.A. § 20.

(3) Scholarships and grants. The amount of \$1,444,500 as follows:

(A) Nondegree VSAC grants. The amount of \$494,500 is appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. These funds shall be for the purpose of providing nondegree grants to Vermonters to improve job skills and increase overall employability, enabling them to enroll in a postsecondary education or training program, including adult technical education that is not part of a degree or accredited certificate program. A portion of these funds shall be used for grants for indirect educational expenses to students enrolled in training programs. The grants shall not exceed \$3,000 per student. None of these funds shall be used for administrative overhead.

(B) National Guard Educational Assistance. The amount of \$150,000 is appropriated to Military – administration to be transferred to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Educational Assistance Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856.

(C) Dual enrollment programs. The amount of \$800,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges for dual enrollment programs consistent with 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 77. The State Colleges shall

develop a voucher program that will allow Vermont students to attend programs at a postsecondary institution other than the State College system when the student will be better served at a non-State college or when available programs are not geographically suited to student need.

(4) Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) incentive. The amount of \$141,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for an incentive payment pursuant to 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec. 6.

Sec. B.1100.1 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RECOMMENDATION FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2016 NEXT GENERATION FUND
DISTRIBUTION

(a) The Department of Labor, in coordination with the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Agency of Human Services, and the Agency of Education, and in consultation with the State Workforce Investment Board, shall recommend to the Governor no later than November 1, 2014 how \$3,293,000 from the Next Generation Fund should be allocated or appropriated in fiscal year 2016 to provide maximum benefit to workforce education and training, participation in secondary or postsecondary education by underrepresented groups, and support for promising economic sectors in Vermont. The Department of Labor shall promote actively and publicly the

availability of these funds to eligible entities that have not previously been funded.

Sec. B.1101 ONE-TIME ELECTIONS EXPENSE APPROPRIATION

(a) In fiscal year 2015, there is appropriated to the Secretary of State for 2014 primary and general elections:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>
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Sec. B.1102 FISCAL YEAR 2015 APPROPRIATION REDUCTION DUE
TO DII ASSESSMENT REDUCTION

(a) To reflect adjustments to budgets due to DII assessment adjustments, the Secretary of Administration is authorized to reduce operating expense appropriations by \$143,000 in general funds.

Sec. B.1103 SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION; FISCAL YEAR 2015
EFFICIENCY AND ENHANCEMENT SAVINGS

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall reduce appropriations and make transfers to the General Fund for a total of \$1,500,000, within the Executive Branch of State government from savings from efficiency and enhancement initiatives. The Secretary shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in November 2014 on the reductions and transfers identified.

Sec. B.1104 FISCAL YEAR 2015 APPROPRIATION: WOOD PRODUCTS
MANUFACTURE INCENTIVE

(a) In fiscal year 2015, \$150,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Finance and Management to implement the provisions of Sec. E.100.6 of this act.

Sec. C.100 FISCAL YEAR 2014 FUND TRANSFERS

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2014, the following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund from the funds indicated:

<u>(1) Fire Prevention Building Inspection Fund #21901</u>	<u>3,200,000</u>
<u>(2) Act 250 Permit Fund #21260</u>	<u>100,000</u>

Sec. C.101 REVERSIONS

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2014, \$30,000 shall revert to the General Fund from the Sergeant at Arms (#1230001000).

Sec. C.102 LEGAL AID HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE ALLOCATION

(a) Of the funds appropriated to the Secretary of Administration in fiscal year 2013 under the provision of 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a)(3), \$50,000 shall be granted to Vermont Legal Aid to fund legal services for homeowners facing foreclosure.

Sec. C.103 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. C.100.1(b) is amended to read:

(b) The Secretary of State is authorized to expend up to \$50,000 from the ~~Vermont Campaign Fund~~ Secretary of State Services Fund during fiscal year ~~2013~~ 2014 for development costs for campaign finance system development expenditures. ~~The Secretary of State shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its September 2013 meeting on the use of these funds.~~

Sec. C.104 [DELETED]

Sec. C.105 COST ALLOCATION; SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(a) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall ensure the appropriate funds are transferred to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for Agency costs related to the time and expense of the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development allocated for work for the Department of Vermont Health Access in fiscal year 2014.

(b) At the close of fiscal year 2014, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development shall transfer \$50,000 of General Fund to the Agency of Human Services – Global Commitment appropriation, which shall be carried forward to be used as State match for Global Commitment expenditures during fiscal year 2015.

Sec. C.106 FISCAL YEAR 2014 SUPPLEMENTAL ONE-TIME

APPROPRIATIONS

(a) The following appropriations are made from the General Fund in 2014:

(1) To the Treasurer for deposit in fiscal year 2015 in the Vermont

Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits Fund: \$300,000

(2) To the Department of Public Safety for the replacement of vehicles,

up to \$100,000 these funds may be used for the drug task force upon written
report the joint fiscal committee:

\$1,400,000

(3) To Center for Crime Victims Services to be carried forward for

fiscal year 2015 funding needs: \$697,000

(4) To the Joint Fiscal Office for analysis of the transition of the health

care system: \$600,000

(5) To the Agency of Human Services – Global Commitment for

traumatic brain injury program analysis: \$22,000

(6) To the Department of Public Safety for information technology,

software, and equipment expenses: \$572,000

(7) To the Department of Corrections to be carried forward to fiscal year

2015 for correctional services funding needs: \$8,300,000

(8) To the Treasurer for the expense related to the cost of a Public

Retirement Plan Study as defined in Sec. C.108 of this act: \$5,000

(9) To the Legislature for training and expenses related to data-based information to be used by the General Assembly to determine how well State government is working toward achieving the population-level outcomes that have been put in place to measure Vermont's quality of life. This work will be done in conjunction with the activities of the State Chief Performance Officer:

\$10,000

(10) To the Legislature for per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406 and for legal and other support services for the Committee on Child Protection established in Sec. C.109 of this act:

\$20,000

(11) To the Department for Children and Families for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont:

\$25,000

(12) To the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs for providing compensation for a pilot "on call" payment program for Deputy State's Attorneys. The Executive Director of the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs shall provide a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in July 2014 regarding the conditions under which these funds can be accessed and the procedures put in place to ensure that the use of these funds comport with the conditions identified:

\$25,000

(13) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets which in collaboration with the Agency of Commerce and Community Development

and the Chief Marketing Officer, shall create a Domestic Export Program Pilot Project within the “Made in Vermont” designation program. The purpose of which shall be to connect Vermont producers with brokers, buyers, and distributors in other U.S. state and regional markets, and to provide technical and marketing assistance to Vermont producers to convert these connections into increased sales and sustainable commercial relationships: \$50,000

(14) To the Department of Housing and Community Development for a public outreach and information program in order to provide information to landlords and tenants regarding their rights and responsibilities under the law. Particularly, the Department shall provide information to landlords renting only one or two units regarding landlord tenant law and the eviction process:
\$30,000

Sec. C.106.1 FLOOD-RELATED PAYMENT

(a) Appropriated from the General Fund in fiscal year 2014 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for a grant to Latchis Arts Inc. This grant is for payment for qualified expenditures resulting from damage caused by a federally declared disaster in Vermont in 2011 as defined in 32 V.S.A. § 5930bb(d) that would be awarded as a tax credit to an individual:
\$88,000

Sec. C.106.2 FISCAL YEAR 2014 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

TRANSFERS

(a) In fiscal year 2014, \$5,000,000 shall be transferred from the General Fund as follows to the Vermont Enterprise Fund and is appropriated from the Vermont Enterprise Fund as follows:

(1) \$500,000 to Vermont Economic Development Authority for loan loss reserves within the Vermont Entrepreneurial Lending Program for the purposes specified in 10 V.S.A. § 280bb as amended by Sec. F.100 of this act;

(2) \$4,500,000 for the purposes specified in Sec. E.100.5 of this act.

Sec C.106.3 FISCAL YEAR 2014 HIGHER EDUCATION TRUST FUND

CONTRIBUTIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2014, prior to depositing any funds into the Higher Education Trust Fund pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 2885(a)(2), of the funds that would otherwise be deposited into that Fund, the following shall take place:

(1) The sum of \$1,000,000 of the funds shall be reserved and held for use by the Vermont Department of Health as a match for a four-year federal grant for which the Department is applying that would supplement the existing Vermont educational loan repayment program for health care professionals. The funds shall be appropriated in the budget adjustment process as necessary to meet match requirements of the grant. This action is to take advantage of federal funds that will help address a shortage of medical professionals in

Vermont by creating loan repayment resources. In the event that the grant cited in subsection (a) of this section is not received, the funds shall be deposited into the Higher Education Trust Fund in accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 2885(a)(2) and subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection.

(2) Sufficient funds shall be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve created under 32 V.S.A. § 308c to ensure a balance of \$5,000,000 in this fund at the close of fiscal year 2014.

(3) After any actions pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, the remainder shall be deposited consistent with 16 V.S.A. § 2885(a)(2). However, any amounts above \$10,000,000 that would be deposited into the Higher Education Trust Fund in accordance with this subsection shall instead be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve.

Sec. C.107 [DELETED]

Sec. C.108 INTERIM STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING
A PUBLIC RETIREMENT PLAN

(a) Creation of Committee. There is created a Public Retirement Plan Study Committee to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a public retirement plan.

(b) Membership. The Public Retirement Plan Study Committee shall be composed of seven members as follows:

(1) the State Treasurer or designee;

(2) the Commissioner of Labor or designee;

(3) the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living or designee;

(4) an individual with private sector experience in the area of providing retirement products and financial services to small businesses, to be appointed by the Speaker;

(5) an individual with experience or expertise in the area of the financial needs of an aging population, to be appointed by the Committee on Committees;

(6) a representative of employers, to be appointed by the Speaker; and

(7) a representative of employees who currently lack access to employer-sponsored retirement plans, to be appointed by the Committee on Committees.

(c) Powers and duties.

(1)(A) The Committee shall study the feasibility of establishing a public retirement plan, including the following:

(i) the access Vermont residents currently have to employer-sponsored retirement plans and the types of employer-sponsored retirement plans;

(ii) data and estimates on the amount of savings and resources Vermont residents will need for a financially secure retirement;

(iii) data and estimates on the actual amount of savings and resources Vermont residents will have for retirement, and whether those savings and resources will be sufficient for a financially secure retirement;

(iv) current incentives to encourage retirement savings, and the effectiveness of those incentives;

(v) whether other states have created a public retirement plan and the experience of those states;

(vi) whether there is a need for a public retirement plan in Vermont;

(vii) whether a public retirement plan would be feasible and effective in providing for a financially secure retirement for Vermont residents;

(viii) other programs or incentives the State could pursue in combination with a public retirement plan or, instead of such a plan, in order to encourage residents to save and prepare for retirement; and

(B) If the Committee determines that a public retirement plan is necessary, feasible, and effective, the Committee shall study:

(i) potential models for the structure, management, organization, administration, and funding of such a plan;

(ii) how to ensure that the plan is available to private sector employees who are not covered by an alternative retirement plan;

(iii) how to build enrollment to a level that enrollee costs can be lowered;

(iv) whether such a plan should impose any obligation or liability upon private sector employers; and

(v) any other issue the Committee deems relevant.

(2) The Committee shall have the assistance of the staff of the Office of the Treasurer, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living.

(d) Report. By January 15, 2015, the Committee shall report to the General Assembly its findings and any recommendations for legislative action. In its report, the Committee shall state its findings as to every factor set forth in subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section, whether it recommends that a public retirement plan be created, and the reasons for that recommendation. If the Committee recommends that a public retirement plan be created, the Committee's report shall include specific recommendations as to the factors listed in subdivision (c)(1)(B) of this section.

(e) Meetings; term of Committee; chair. The Committee may meet no more than six times and shall cease to exist on January 15, 2015. The State Treasurer shall serve as Chair of the Committee and shall call the first meeting.

(f) Reimbursement. For attendance at meetings, members of the Committee who are not employees of the State of Vermont shall be reimbursed

at the per diem rate set in 32 V.S.A. § 1010 and shall be reimbursed for
mileage and travel expenses.

Sec. C.109 COMMITTEE ON CHILD PROTECTION

(a) There is created a Committee on Child Protection. The Committee shall
be composed of nine members. Seven members of the Committee shall be
members of the Senate, not all from the same political party, who shall be
appointed by the Committee on Committees. The Committee on Committees
shall designate two Senators to serve as Co-Chairs of the Committee. Two
members of the Committee shall be members of the House of Representatives;
one shall be the Chair of the Committee on Judiciary or designee, and the other
shall be the Chair of the Committee on Human Services or designee.

(b) The Committee shall investigate and evaluate Vermont's current system
of child protection for the purpose of protecting children from abuse and
neglect, including:

(1) examining Vermont's laws, policies, and procedures and evaluating
whether those laws, policies, and procedures are effective in protecting
children;

(2) comparing Vermont's laws, policies, and procedures to those in
other jurisdictions and to best practices in the area of child protection;

(3) understanding how federal requirements shape Vermont's laws,
policies, and procedures in the child protection system;

(4) examining whether the departments, agencies, branches, and entities that are responsible for child protection cooperate and are effectively fulfilling their role in the child protection system;

(5) examining whether specific crimes or incidents reveal shortcomings in current laws, policies, and procedures in how the current system operates. In doing so, the Committee shall not interfere in any ongoing investigations;

(6) examining how the child protection system operates in different parts of the State and whether similar cases or allegations are handled differently. If the Committee determines that similar cases or allegations are handled differently, the Committee shall examine the reasons for, and results of, those differences;

(7) determining whether legislative or other changes are necessary to improve the child protection system.

(c) The Committee may conduct hearings and may administer oaths to, and examine under oath, any person. The Committee shall have the power, by a majority vote of the Committee, to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses, and the production of books, papers, records, and documents.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Committee may receive records that are confidential, privileged, or the release of which is restricted under law. All State agencies and departments shall

provide such records to the Committee upon request. Any such records obtained by the Committee shall be exempt from public inspection and copying, shall be kept confidential by the Committee, and shall not be disclosed.

(e) No person who is an employee of the State of Vermont, or of any State, local, county, and municipal department, agency, or entity involved in child protection, and who testifies before, supplies information to, or cooperates with the Committee's investigation shall be subject to retaliation by his or her employer. Retaliation shall include job termination, demotion in rank, reduction in pay, alteration in duties and responsibilities, transfer, or a negative job performance evaluation based on the person's having testified before, supplied information to, or cooperated with the Committee.

(f) The Committee shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Office of Legislative Council. The Committee may retain additional legal and other services as necessary.

(g) On or before January 6, 2015, the Committee shall report to the General Assembly its findings and any recommendations for legislative action.

(h) The Committee may meet no more than ten times, unless additional meetings are determined to be necessary by the Co-Chairs and approved by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House. The Co-Chairs shall call the first meeting of the Committee, and the Committee

may hold hearings at whichever locations the Co-Chairs determine to be appropriate. A majority of the members of the Committee shall be physically present at the same location to constitute a quorum. A member may vote only if physically present at the meeting and action shall be taken only if there is both a quorum and a majority vote of all members of the Committee members physically present and voting.

(i) The Committee shall cease to exist on January 6, 2015.

(j) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406.

Sec. D.100 APPROPRIATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

(a) This act contains the following amounts appropriated from special funds that receive revenue from the property transfer tax. Expenditures from these appropriations shall not exceed available revenues.

(1) The sum of \$518,000 is appropriated from the Property Valuation and Review Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c), amounts above \$518,000 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the Property Valuation and Review Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.

(2) The sum of \$15,154,840 is appropriated from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts above \$15,154,840 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.

(3) The sum of \$3,779,661 is appropriated from the Municipal and Regional Planning Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts above \$3,779,661 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund. The \$3,779,661 shall be allocated as follows:

(A) \$2,924,417 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

(B) \$476,544 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

(C) \$378,700 to the Vermont Center for Geographic Information.

Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS AND RESERVES

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are transferred from the funds indicated:

(1) from the General Fund to the:

(A) Communications and Information Technology Internal Service Fund established by 22 V.S.A. § 902a: \$185,000.

(B) Next Generation Initiative Fund established by 16 V.S.A. § 2887:
\$3,293,000.

(C) Facilities Operations Fund established in 29 V.S.A. § 160a:
\$1,693,408.

(2) from the Transportation Fund to the Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvement Fund established by 24 V.S.A. § 2796 to be used by the Vermont Downtown Development Board for the purposes of the Fund:
\$383,966.

(3) from the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund established by 19 V.S.A. § 11f to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund for the purpose of funding transportation infrastructure bonds debt service to fund fiscal year 2016 transportation infrastructure bonds debt service:
\$2,504,913.

(4) from the Universal Service Fund to the Communications and Information Technology Internal Service Fund established by 22 V.S.A. § 902a: \$450,000.

Sec. D.102 TOBACCO LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUND BALANCE

(a) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(b), the actual balances at the end of fiscal year 2014 in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund shall remain for appropriation in fiscal year 2015.

Sec. D.103 TRANSFER OF TOBACCO TRUST FUNDS

(a) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(a)(3) and (4), the actual amount of investment earnings of the Tobacco Trust Fund at the end of fiscal year 2015 and any additional amount necessary to ensure the balance in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund at the close of fiscal year 2015 is not negative shall be transferred from the Tobacco Trust Fund to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund in fiscal year 2015.

Sec. D.104 32 V.S.A. § 308c is amended to read:

§ 308c. GENERAL FUND AND TRANSPORTATION FUND BALANCE
RESERVES

(a) There is hereby created within the General Fund a General Fund Balance Reserve, also known as the “rainy day reserve.” After satisfying the requirements of section 308 of this title, and after other reserve requirements have been met, any remaining unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year General Fund surplus shall be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve. The General Fund Balance Reserve shall not exceed five percent of the appropriations from the General Fund for the prior fiscal year without legislative authorization. ~~Monies from this Reserve shall be available for appropriation by the General Assembly.~~

(1) The Emergency Board shall, ~~at the end of fiscal year 2013,~~ determine annually at its July meeting the amount of available general funds

that is greater than the amount of forecasted available general funds most recently adopted by the Board for the current fiscal year ~~2013~~, adjusted by any legislative action projected to increase General Fund taxes that result in additional revenue in excess of \$1,000,000.00 over the revenue raised without legislative action in the current fiscal year. An amount not to exceed 33 percent of the amount determined in subdivision (1) shall be added to the base amount used to calculate the General Fund transfer under 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a)(2) for the next fiscal year. However, the amount to be added to the base amount used to calculate the General Fund transfer shall also not exceed 33 percent of the total amount which would be reserved in this subsection if not for the requirements of subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection.

(2) ~~Of the amount added to the General Fund Balance Reserve in fiscal year 2013, to the extent available, one half of the amount identified in subdivision (1) of this subsection is hereby appropriated in the fiscal year just concluded for deposit in the Supplemental Property Tax Relief Fund established by section 6075 of this title. If the amount added to the General Fund Balance Reserve is insufficient to support both the appropriation in this subdivision and the appropriation in subdivision (3) of this subsection, the appropriation in this subdivision shall take precedence. Of the funds that would otherwise be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve under this~~

subsection, 25 percent of any such funds shall be transferred from the General Fund to the Education Fund.

~~(3) Of the amount added to the General Fund Balance Reserve in fiscal year 2013, to the extent available, one quarter of the amount identified in subdivision (1) of this subsection is hereby appropriated in the fiscal year just concluded to the Secretary of Administration to be used only upon Emergency Board action to transfer these funds to appropriations to offset reduced federal funding.~~ Of the funds that would otherwise be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve under this subsection, 50 percent of any such funds shall be reserved as necessary and transferred from the General Fund to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits Fund established by 16 V.S.A. § 1944b to reduce any outstanding balance of any interfund loan authorized by the State Treasurer from the General Fund. Upon joint determination by the Commissioner of Finance and Management and the State Treasurer that there is no longer any outstanding balance, no further transfers in accordance with this subdivision shall occur.

(b) Use of General Fund Balance Reserve:

(1) The General Assembly may specifically appropriate the use of up to 50 percent of the amounts added in the prior fiscal year from the General Fund Balance Reserve to fund unforeseen or emergency needs.

(2) If the official State revenue estimates of the Emergency Board for the General Fund, determined under section 305a of this title have been reduced by two percent or more from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the general appropriations act or budget adjustment act, funds in the General Fund Balance Reserve may be appropriated to compensate for a reduction of revenues.

(c) There is hereby created within the Transportation Fund a Transportation Fund Balance Reserve. After satisfying the requirements of section 308a of this title, and after other reserve requirements have been met, any remaining unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year Transportation Fund surplus shall be reserved in the Transportation Fund Balance Reserve. Monies from this Reserve shall be available for appropriation by the General Assembly.

~~(e) In any fiscal year, if the General Assembly determines there are insufficient revenues to fund expenditures for the operation of State government at a level the General Assembly finds prudent and required, it may specifically appropriate the use of the General Fund and Transportation Fund Balance Reserves to compensate for a reduction of revenues or fund such unforeseen or emergency needs as the General Assembly may determine.~~

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Sec. D.105 REPEALS

(a) 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Secs. D.103.1(a) (calculation, appropriation, and deposit in the supplemental property tax relief fund repeal effective on June 30, 2014) and D.103.1(b) (supplemental property tax relief fund repeal effective on June 30, 2014) are repealed.

(b) 32 V.S.A. § 6075 (supplemental property tax relief fund) is repealed on July 1, 2017.

(c) 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec B.1104 as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 95, Sec. 69 (Fiscal Year 2014 Surplus) is repealed.

Sec. D.106 [DELETED]

Sec. D.107 DEPOSIT OF SETTLEMENT RECEIPTS

(a) Any funds received by the State in fiscal year 2014 from settlement with the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. regarding deceptive advertising shall be deposited into the General Fund in fiscal year 2014.

* * * GENERAL GOVERNMENT * * *

Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH – POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS

(a) The establishment of the following new permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year 2015 as follows:

(1) In the Department of Information and Innovation – three (3) classified positions – one (1) IT Contract Specialist and two (2) Enterprise Architect.

(2) In the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs – four (4) exempt positions – Deputy State's Attorney.

(3) In the Department of Public Safety – three (3) classified positions – one (1) Marijuana Registry Administrator, one (1) Fire Prevention Safety Officer, and one (1) Electrical Inspector.

(4) In the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets – two (2) classified positions – Food Safety Specialist.

(5) In the Department of Financial Regulation – one (1) classified position – Financial Examiner II.

(6) In the Department of Health – one (1) classified position – Public Health Dental Hygienist.

(7) In the Department of Vermont Health Access – two (2) classified positions – one (1) Clinical Operations Nurse Case Manager and one (1) Health Programs Administrator.

(8) In the Department for Children and Families – one (1) classified position – Financial Specialist III.

(9) In the Department of Environmental Conservation – one (1) classified position – Environmental Engineer VI.

(10) In the Department of Economic Development – one (1) classified position – Economic Development Director.

(b) The establishment of the following new classified limited service positions is authorized in fiscal year 2015 as follows:

(1) In the Department of Environmental Conservation – one (1) Solid Waste Analyst, one (1) Environmental Analyst III, one (1) Wetland Ecologist and three (3) Shorelands Preservation Specialists.

(2) In the Department of Liquor Control – one (1) Tobacco Compliance Officer.

(c) The conversion of classified limited service positions to classified permanent status is authorized in fiscal year 2015 as follows:

(1) In the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets – two (2) working lands staff positions - Agricultural Development Coordinator and Grants Program Specialist II.

(d) Position Pilot Program. A Position Pilot is hereby created to assist participating departments in more effectively managing costs of overtime, compensatory time, temporary employees, and contractual work by removing the position cap with the goal of maximizing resources to the greatest benefit of Vermont taxpayers.

(1) Notwithstanding Sec. A.107 of this act, the Agency of Transportation, the Department for Children and Families, the Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Department of Buildings and General

Services shall not be subject to the cap on positions for the duration of the Pilot.

(2) Any new positions created under the Pilot shall be authorized by the Secretary of Administration and funded within existing appropriations.

(3) Any new positions created under the Pilot shall not be transferrable outside the agency or department of the Pilot.

(4) At least 15 days prior to the establishment of Pilot positions, the Joint Fiscal Committee, the Government Accountability Committee, and the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations shall be provided a written description from the Pilot entity and the Commissioner of Human Resources of the method for evaluating the cost-effectiveness of the positions.

(5) As part of their annual budget testimony, participating departments shall report on the number and type of positions created under the Pilot and the source of funds used to support the positions, and the performance and cost outcomes associated with the positions.

(6) On or before November 2014, the Commissioner of Human Resources shall provide the Joint Fiscal Committee and the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations a report of any employee impacts such as reduction in force rights that may arise from the implementation of the Pilot.

(7) This Pilot shall sunset on July 1, 2017, unless extended or modified by the General Assembly.

Sec. E.100.1 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

(FEMA) AND STATE MATCH PAYMENTS FOR TROPICAL
STORM IRENE AND SPRING 2011 FLOODING

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its September 2014 and September 2015 meetings on cumulative expenditures in the prior fiscal year in the Public Assistance Program (810005500) of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds and associated emergency relief and assistance funds match for the damages due to Tropical Storm Irene and Spring 2011 flooding, including to the extent possible, details about the expended funds by State agency or municipality. The report shall also include, if applicable, information on any audit findings that may result in financial impacts to the State.

(b) Reports shall be posted on the Legislative and Administration websites after submission.

(c) 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 75, Sec. 77a(b) (quarterly reports on payments from the emergency relief and assistance fund) is repealed.

Sec. E.100.2 VERMONT VETERANS' HOME; FUNDING REVIEW

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall carry out a review of the revenue and budget options for the Vermont Veterans' Home and develop a business plan with the following goals:

(1) creation of a revenue and budget approach that does not present a long-term structural deficit for the Vermont State budget; and

(2) development of a strategy that eliminates the need for ongoing General Fund subsidies by fiscal year 2018.

(b) This review shall be submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee before November 15, 2014.

Sec. E.100.3 REVERSION

(a) Of the General Funds appropriated to the Secretary of Administration in fiscal year 2013 under the provision of 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a)(3), \$1,910,000 shall revert to the General Fund in fiscal year 2015.

Sec. E.100.4 VTHR UNIT; TRANSFER AUTHORITY

(a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management, with the approval of the Secretary of Administration, may make transfers of appropriations within the Financial Management Fund, Medical Insurance Fund, Dental Insurance Fund, and Life Insurance Fund for fiscal year 2015, provided the total fiscal year 2015 appropriations from these funds do not exceed the total amount authorized in the fiscal year 2015 Appropriations Act.

Sec. E.100.5 VERMONT ENTERPRISE FUND

(a) There is created a Vermont Enterprise Fund, the sums of which may be used by the Governor, with the approval of the Emergency Board, for the purpose of making economic and financial resources available to businesses

facing circumstances that necessitate State government support and response more rapidly than would otherwise be available from, or that would be in addition to, other economic incentives.

(b)(1) The Fund shall be administered by the Commissioner of Finance and Management as a special fund under the provisions of chapter 7, subchapter 5 of this title.

(2) The Fund shall contain any amounts transferred or appropriated to it by the General Assembly.

(3) Interest earned on the Fund and any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the Fund.

(4) The Commissioner shall maintain records that indicate the amount of money in the Fund at any given time.

(c) The Governor is authorized to use amounts available in the Fund to offer economic and financial resources to an eligible business pursuant to this section, subject to approval by the Emergency Board as provided in subsection (e) of this section.

(d) To be eligible for an investment through the Fund, the Governor shall determine that a business:

(1) adequately demonstrates:

(A) a substantial statewide or regional economic or employment impact; or

(B) approval or eligibility for other economic development incentives and programs offered by the State of Vermont; and

(2) is experiencing one or more of the following circumstances:

(A) a merger or acquisition may cause the closing of all or a portion of a Vermont business, or closure or relocation outside Vermont will cause the loss of employment in Vermont;

(B) a prospective purchaser is considering the acquisition of an existing business in Vermont;

(C) an existing employer in Vermont, which is a division or subsidiary of a multistate or multinational company, may be closed or have its employment significantly reduced; or

(D) is considering Vermont for relocation or expansion.

(e)(1) Any economic and financial resources offered by the Governor under this section must be approved by the Emergency Board before an eligible business may receive assistance from the Fund.

(2) The Board shall invite the Chair of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and the Chair of the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to participate in Board deliberations under this section in an advisory capacity.

(3) The Governor or designee, shall present to the Emergency Board for its approval:

(A) information on the company;

(B) the circumstances supporting the offer of economic and financial resources;

(C) a summary of the economic activity proposed or that would be forgone;

(D) other State incentives and programs offered or involved;

(E) the economic and financial resources offered by the Governor requiring use of monies from the Fund;

(F) employment, investment, and economic impact of Fund support on the employer, including a fiscal cost-benefit analysis; and

(G) terms and conditions of the economic and financial resources offered, including:

(i) the total dollar amount and form of the economic and financial resources offered;

(ii) employment creation, employment retention, and capital investment performance requirements; and

(iii) disallowance and recapture provisions.

(4) The Emergency Board shall have the authority to approve, disapprove, or modify an offer of economic and financial resources in its discretion, including consideration of the following:

(A) whether the business has presented sufficient documentation to demonstrate compliance with subsection (d) of this section;

(B) whether the Governor has presented sufficient information to the Board under subdivision (3) of this subsection;

(C) whether the business has received other State resources and incentives, and if so, the type and amount; and

(D) whether the business and the Governor have made available to the Board sufficient information and documentation for the Auditor of Accounts to perform a performance audit of the program.

(f)(1) Proprietary business information and materials or other confidential financial information submitted by a business to the State, or submitted by the Governor to the Emergency Board, for the purpose of negotiating or approving economic and financial resources under this section shall not be subject to public disclosure under the State's public records law in 1 V.S.A. chapter 5, but shall be available to the Joint Fiscal Office or its agent upon authorization of the Chair of the Joint Fiscal Committee, and shall also be available to the Auditor of Accounts in connection with the performance of duties under 32 V.S.A. § 163; provided, however, that the Joint Fiscal Office or its agent, and the Auditor of Accounts, shall not disclose, directly or indirectly, to any person any proprietary business or other confidential information or any

information which would identify a business except in accordance with a judicial order or as otherwise specifically provided by law.

(2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the publication of statistical information, rulings, determinations, reports, opinions, policies, or other information so long as the data are disclosed in a form that cannot identify or be associated with a particular business.

(g) On or before January 15 of each year following a year in which economic and financial resources were made available pursuant to this section, the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development shall submit to the House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and on Ways and Means and to the Senate Committees on Finance and on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs a report on the resources made available pursuant to this section, including:

(1) the name of the recipient;

(2) the amount and type of the resources;

(3) the aggregate number of jobs created or retained as a result of the resources;

(4) a statement of costs and benefits to the State; and

(5) whether any offer of resources was disallowed or recaptured.

(h) This section shall sunset on June 30, 2016 and any remaining balance in the Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.

Sec. E.100.6 WOOD PRODUCTS MANUFACTURE INCENTIVE

(a) Definitions. The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development, annually on or before February 1, shall designate any two adjacent counties having at least four percent of their combined jobs provided by employers that manufacture finished wood products and having the highest combined unemployment rate in the State for at least one month in the previous calendar year. Upon making a designation, the Secretary shall send a written notice to the Commissioner of Finance and Management identifying the designated counties. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall be responsible for making the payment under the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3102, the Commissioner of Taxes is authorized to disclose information to the Commissioner of Finance and Management necessary to implement this section.

(b) Payment. A payment against the income tax liability is available as follows:

(1) A payment of two percent of the wages paid in the taxable year by an employer for services performed in the designated counties associated with the manufacture of finished wood products. The payment shall be available to the employer in any year the counties qualify and for one year after a qualification ends. As used in this section, "finished wood products" means

wood products that are manufactured into the form in which they are offered for sale to consumers.

(2) The payment, either alone or in combination with any other credit allowed by 32 V.S.A. § 5930y, shall not exceed 80 percent of the income tax liability of the employer.

(3) The recapture of development incentives established in 3 V.S.A. chapter 47, subchapter 6 shall apply to the payment in this section, except that the provisions of subsection 2512(c) of that title shall not apply to business relocation outside the designated counties.

Sec. E.105 Information and innovation – communications and information technology

(a) Of this appropriation, \$635,000 is for a grant to the Vermont Telecommunications Authority established in 30 V.S.A. § 8061.

Sec. E.106 [DELETED]

Sec. E.111 Tax – administration/collection

(a) Of this appropriation, \$30,000 is from the Current Use Application Fee Special Fund and shall be appropriated for programming changes to the CAPTAP software used by municipalities for establishing property values and administering their grand lists.

Sec. E.112 USE OF STATE SPACE; CLARIFICATION

(a) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 165(h), the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall extend through June 30, 2015 the lease for space for the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations at current payment rates. For fiscal year 2016 and beyond, the Commissioner shall develop a long-term lease or fee-for-space arrangement for space for the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations. If the lease or fee-for-space arrangement includes a payment below prevailing area market prices, then the Commissioner shall present it to the Joint Fiscal Committee as required by 29 V.S.A. § 165(h)(2) for approval at a Joint Fiscal Committee meeting after September 1, 2014.

Sec. E.113 Buildings and general services – engineering

(a) The \$3,196,163 interdepartmental transfer in this appropriation shall be from the fiscal year 2015 General Bond Fund appropriation in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2(c)(5), as amended in the 2014 legislative session.

Sec. E.113.1 2013 Acts and Resolves No.1, Sec. 100(c) is amended to read:

(c) Sec. 97 (general obligation debt financing) shall take effect on ~~July 1,~~
~~2014~~ July 1, 2015.

Sec. E.113.2 DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GENERAL

SERVICES; ALLOCATION OF ENGINEERING COSTS

(a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall implement the following recommendations from the report required by 2013 Acts and

Resolves No. 51, Sec. 39, relating to accounting standards for engineering costs:

(1) initiate a process to track engineering costs to specific projects through the VTHR payroll system; and

(2) once engineering costs are tracked to specific projects, allocate these known capital costs to expenses paid from general obligation debt financing and allocate noncapital costs to expenses paid from the General Fund.

(b) The Secretary of Administration shall work with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services to implement a project tracking procedure through the VTHR payroll system described in subdivision (a)(1) of this section.

(c) On or before January 15, 2015, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall update the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the implementation of the recommendations described in subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. E.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services

(a) Any State employee that uses the standard mileage reimbursement rate for use of his or her private vehicle shall be required to use a State-owned or -leased vehicle if the mileage that is submitted for reimbursement exceeds 12,400 miles on a fiscal year basis. Exceptions may be made if the employee receives approval from his or her agency secretary or department head to

exceed the 12,400 limit on mileage that is eligible for reimbursement for use of a private vehicle.

Sec. E.118.1 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 156, Sec. E.114(a), as amended by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 60, and 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. E.118, is further amended to read:

(a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations by January 15th of each year ~~through fiscal year 2015~~ detailing the number of ~~state~~ State employees, by department, that during the previous fiscal year exceeded a ~~11,400 mileage amount for use of their private vehicle during the previous fiscal year~~ the “mileage breakeven point,” the point at which employee mileage reimbursement becomes more expensive than use of State-owned or -leased vehicles, as calculated as part of this report.

Sec. E.125 Legislative council

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2014 funds appropriated to the Legislative Council and carried forward into fiscal year 2015, the amount of \$25,000 shall revert to the General Fund.

Sec. E.126 Legislature

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2014 funds appropriated to the Legislature and carried forward into fiscal year 2015, the amount of \$80,000 shall revert to the General Fund.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that funding for the Legislature in fiscal year 2016 be included at a level sufficient to support an 18-week legislative session.

(c) The appropriation in Sec. B.126 of this act includes \$10,000 to support costs associated with obtaining data-based information to be used by the General Assembly to determine how well State government is working toward achieving the population-level outcomes that have been put in place to measure Vermont's quality of life. This data will also assist the General Assembly in determining how best to invest taxpayer dollars.

Sec. E.126.1 REPEAL

(a) 3 V.S.A. § 635a (legislators and session-only legislative employees eligible to purchase State Employees Health Benefit Plan at full cost) is repealed.

Sec. E.127 Joint fiscal committee

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2014 funds appropriated to the Joint Fiscal Committee and carried forward into fiscal year 2015, the amount of \$10,000 shall revert to the General Fund.

Sec. E.127.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.128 Sergeant at Arms

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2014 funds appropriated to the Sergeant at Arms and carried forward into fiscal year 2015, the amount of \$10,000 shall revert to the General Fund.

Sec. E.131 VERMONT COMMUNITY LOAN FUND

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 433, the State Treasurer is authorized to invest up to \$500,000 of short-term operating or restricted funds in the Vermont Community Loan Fund on terms acceptable to the Treasurer and consistent with 32 V.S.A. § 433(b). The provisions of Sec. A.102(c) of this act shall not apply to this subsection.

(b) 2004 Acts and Resolves No. 80, Sec. 6a (authority to invest up to \$200,000.00) is repealed.

Sec. E.133 Vermont state retirement system

(a) Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 473(d), in fiscal year 2015, investment fees shall be paid from the corpus of the Fund.

Sec. E.133.1 3 V.S.A. § 479a(b)(1) is amended to read:

(1) All assets remitted to the state as a subsidy on behalf of the members of the Vermont state employees' retirement system for employer-sponsored qualified prescription drug plans pursuant to the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, except that any subsidy received from an Employer Group Waiver program is not subject to this requirement.

Sec. E.139 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. E.139, as amended by 2014

Acts and Resolves No. 95, Sec. 73a is further amended to read:

Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

(a) The towns ~~currently~~ engaged in litigation regarding grand list appeals of the assessment of TransCanada hydroelectric property may submit to the Attorney General legal expenditures made by those towns as a result of this litigation, as those values were established by reference to information from the Department of Taxes, Division of Property Valuation and Review. The Attorney General shall review the submitted bills and, if reasonable, approve reimbursement up to the amount transferred in subsection (b) of this section.

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Sec. E.141 Lottery commission

(a) Of this appropriation, the Lottery Commission shall transfer \$150,000 to the Department of Health, Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, to support the gambling addiction program.

(b) The Vermont State Lottery will continue to provide financial support and recommendations for addressing problem gambling among Vermont's citizens, to include marketing, event sponsorships, and printed material.

Sec. E.141.1 REPORT; TRANSITION OF COUNCIL ON PROBLEM

GAMBLING

(a) The Executive Director of the Vermont Lottery Commission and the Commissioner of Health shall provide a written update to the Joint Fiscal Committee in July 2014 on how the gambling addiction program will be operated in fiscal year 2015 and how the funds allocated in this act for gambling addiction programs will be used.

Sec. E.142 Payments in lieu of taxes

(a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act.

Sec. E.143 Payments in lieu of taxes – Montpelier

(a) Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

Sec. E.144 Payments in lieu of taxes – correctional facilities

(a) Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

* * * PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY * * *

Sec. E.200 Attorney general

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Office of the Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit, is authorized to retain, subject to appropriation, one-half of the State share of any recoveries from Medicaid fraud settlements, excluding interest, that exceed the State share of restitution to the Medicaid Program. All such designated additional recoveries retained shall be used to finance Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit activities.

(b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A. § 2458(b)(4), \$725,000 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

Sec. E.204 JUDICIARY; REPORT ON TRAFFIC TICKETS

(a) On or before December 1, 2014, the Court Administrator shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Judiciary on the trends and data for traffic tickets filed with the Judicial Bureau. The report shall:

(1) identify the number of traffic tickets filed with the Judicial Bureau during the previous three years and the amount of revenue received by the State from the tickets;

(2) compare the number of tickets filed with the number of tickets for which fines were collected; and

(3) provide information about the reasons tickets were dismissed by the Judicial Bureau during the three-year period, to the extent that such reports can be produced by query to the Judicial Bureau's case management software.

Sec. E.204.1 JUDICIARY; SECURITY REPORT

(a) The Court Administrator with the Manager of Security and Safety shall review current court operations and shall submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Appropriations by January 15, 2015 with any findings on the current operation and costs of providing security in all the State's courts. The report shall include any recommendations resulting from the review to restructure such operations to result in financial savings without increasing security risk to the Judiciary. Specifically, the report shall address:

(1) any options to reduce costs when any court is not in session; and

(2) any options to reduce costs through shared security arraignments with other co-located State agencies.

Sec. E.205 [DELETED]

Sec. E.206 SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT FUNDING STUDY

COMMITTEE

(a) Creation. There is created a Special Investigations Unit Funding Study Committee for the purpose of identifying and recommending equitable and sustainable funding options for specialized investigative units.

(b) Membership, interested parties.

(1) The Committee shall be composed of the following six members:

(A) three current members of the House of Representatives, one of whom is a member of the Joint Fiscal Committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

(B) three current members of the Senate, one of whom is a member of the Joint Fiscal Committee, appointed by the Committee on Committees.

(2) The Committee shall consult with interested parties, including the Attorney General, the Commissioner of Taxes, the Executive Director of the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs, the Special Investigation Units Grants Program Manager, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, the Vermont Children's Alliance, and the directors of the Special Investigation Units.

(c) Powers and duties. The Study Committee shall identify all possible funding sources for special investigation units and shall consider the sustainability and equitability of each possible source on local, county, and State levels.

(d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Joint Fiscal Office and the Legislative Council.

(e) Report. On or before December 15, 2014, the Committee shall submit a report to the House Committees on Ways and Means and on Judiciary and the

Senate Committees on Finance and on Judiciary with its findings and any recommendations for legislative action.

(f) Meetings.

(1) Members shall elect a Chair at the first meeting that shall occur on the same date as a meeting of the Joint Fiscal Committee.

(2)(A) A majority of the members of the Committee shall be physically present at the same location to constitute a quorum.

(B) A member may vote only if physically present at the meeting location.

(C) Action shall be taken only if there is both a quorum and a majority vote of all members of the Committee.

(3) The Committee shall cease to exist on January 1, 2015.

(g) Reimbursement. For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, legislative members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406 for no more than four meetings.

Sec. E.208 Public safety – administration

(a) The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a performance-based contract with the Essex County Sheriff's Department to provide law enforcement service activities agreed upon by both the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Sheriff.

Sec. E.208.1 FIREARM STORAGE SPECIAL FUND; APPROPRIATION

(a) The sum of \$75,000 is appropriated to the Department of Public Safety from the Firearm Storage Special Fund, which is hereby created, to be managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, for the purpose of assisting law enforcement agencies and court-approved federally licensed firearm dealers to create facilities for the storage of firearms and other weapons pursuant to Sec. 20 of H.735 of 2014 [fee bill] (to be codified as 20 V.S.A. § 2307). The Department is authorized to administer this appropriation in its discretion in the form of interest-free loans to law enforcement agencies and court-approved federally licensed firearm dealers that apply to and are deemed eligible by the Department. Successful applicants shall enter into a repayment agreement with the Department and shall repay the loan using fees or other proceeds collected as a result of the implementation of Sec. 20 of H.735 of 2014 [fee bill] (to be codified as 20 V.S.A. § 2307). Repayments received by the Department shall be deposited into the Firearm Storage Special Fund. The Department is authorized to prepare and execute on behalf of the State any documents necessary to make and secure such loans. Notwithstanding Sec. A.102(c) of this act, this appropriation shall carry forward until expended.

Sec. E.209 Public safety – state police

(a) Of this appropriation, \$35,000 in special funds shall be available for snowmobile law enforcement activities and \$35,000 in general funds shall be available to the Southern Vermont Wilderness Search and Rescue Team, which comprises State Police, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, county sheriffs, and local law enforcement personnel in Bennington, Windham, and Windsor Counties, for snowmobile enforcement.

(b) Of this appropriation, \$405,000 is allocated for grants in support of the Drug Task Force and the Gang Task Force. Of this amount, \$190,000 shall be used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town task force officers. These town task force officers shall be dedicated to enforcement efforts with respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any unobligated funds may be allocated by the Commissioner to fund the work of the Drug Task Force and to support the efforts of the Mobile Enforcement Team (Gang Task Force), or carried forward.

Sec. E.212 Public safety – fire safety

(a) Of this General Fund appropriation, \$55,000 shall be granted to the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the purpose of designing dry hydrants.

Sec. E.215 Military – administration

(a) The amount of \$250,000 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Educational Assistance Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856. Of this amount, \$100,000 shall be general funds from this appropriation, and \$150,000 shall be Next Generation special funds, as appropriated in Sec. B.1100(a)(3)(B) of this act.

Sec. E.219 Military – veterans’ affairs

(a) Of this appropriation, \$2,500 shall be used for continuation of the Vermont Medal Program; \$4,800 shall be used for the expenses of the Governor’s Veterans’ Advisory Council; \$7,500 shall be used for the Veterans’ Day parade; \$5,000 shall be granted to the Vermont State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America to fund the Service Officer Program; \$5,000 shall be used for the Military, Family, and Community Network; and \$10,000 shall be granted to the American Legion for the Boys’ State and Girls’ State programs.

(b) Of this General Fund appropriation, \$39,484 shall be deposited into the Armed Services Scholarship Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2541.

Sec. E. 220 Center for crime victims services

(a) Notwithstanding 20 V.S.A. § 2365(c), the Vermont Center for Crime Victims Services shall transfer \$51,574 from the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund established in 13 V.S.A. § 5360 to the Criminal Justice

Training Council for the purpose of funding one-half the costs of the Domestic Violence Trainer position. The other half of the position will be funded with an appropriation to the Criminal Justice Training Council.

Sec. E.221 Criminal justice training council

(a) The provisions of the memorandum of understanding between the Criminal Justice Training Council and the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence shall be fulfilled unless altered by mutual agreement.

Sec. E.223 Agriculture, food and markets – food safety and consumer protection

(a) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall use the Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section for the Food Safety and Consumer Protection Division to provide public health approaches and other innovative programs to improve the health outcomes, health status, and quality of life for uninsured, underinsured, and Medicaid-eligible individuals in Vermont.

Sec. E.224 Agriculture, food and markets – agricultural development

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.224 of this act, the amount of \$1,486,500 in general funds is appropriated for expenditure by the Working Lands Enterprise Board established in 6 V.S.A. § 4606 for direct grants and investments in food and forest systems pursuant to 6 V.S.A. § 4607 and

consistent with the funding priorities in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 142,

Sec. 5.

(b) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.224 of this act, the amount of \$13,500 in General Funds shall be used to fund grants that enable farmers' markets to accept electronic benefit transfer funds.

Sec. E.224.1 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 142, Sec. 5 is amended to read:

Sec. 5. FUNDING PRIORITIES

(a) The amounts appropriated from the ~~general fund to the Vermont working lands enterprise fund established in 6 V.S.A. § 4605 shall be used~~ General Fund for use by the working lands enterprise board Working Lands Enterprise Board shall be used for the following purposes:

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Sec. E.225 Agriculture, food and markets – laboratories, agricultural resource management and environmental stewardship

(a) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall use the Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section to provide public health approaches and other innovative programs to improve the health outcomes, health status, and quality of life for uninsured, underinsured, and Medicaid-eligible individuals in Vermont.

Sec. E.225.1 AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS; MOSQUITO

CONTROL

(a) The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets may use any unexpended or unobligated funds in the budget of the laboratories, agricultural resource management and environmental stewardship program for grants to eligible mosquito control districts:

(1) for larvicide applications approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets to control nuisance species; or

(2) to implement management or control measures approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets to address a public health hazard declared under 18 V.S.A. § 2 due to an outbreak of West Nile virus, eastern equine encephalitis, or other mosquito-borne illness.

Sec. E.228 8 V.S.A. § 7116(c) is amended to read

(c) All fees and payments received by the Department under subsection (a) of this section and 10 percent of the transfer tax under subsection (b) of this section shall be credited to the ~~insurance regulatory and supervision fund~~ Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund under section 80 of this title. The remaining 90 percent of the transfer tax shall be deposited directly into the ~~general fund~~ General Fund and reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve established under 32 V.S.A. § 308c.

Sec. E.233 18 V.S.A. chapter 34 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 34. NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING CITIZENS

ADVISORY PANEL

§ 1700. CREATION; MEMBERSHIP; OFFICERS; QUORUM

(a) There is created a ~~nuclear advisory panel~~ Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel which shall consist of the following:

(1) the ~~secretary of human services~~ Secretary of Human Services,
ex officio, or designee;

(2) the ~~secretary of natural resources~~ Secretary of Natural Resources,
ex officio, or designee;

(3) the ~~commissioner of public service~~ Commissioner of Public Service,
ex officio, or ~~his or her~~ designee;

(4) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development,
ex officio, or designee;

(5) one member of ~~an energy committee of the Vermont house of~~
~~representatives~~ the House Committee on Natural Resources and Energy,
chosen by the ~~speaker~~ Speaker of the ~~house~~ House;

(5)(6) one member of ~~an energy committee of the Vermont senate~~ the
Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, chosen by the ~~committee~~
Committee on committees Committees; and

(7) one representative of the Windham Regional Commission or designee, selected by the Regional Commission;

(8) one representative of the Town of Vernon or designee, selected by the legislative body of that town;

(6)(9) two six members of the public, two each selected by the ~~governor~~ Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Under this subdivision, each appointing authority initially shall appoint a member for a three-year term and a member for a four-year term. Subsequent appointments under this subdivision shall be for terms of four years;

(10) two representatives of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (VYNPS or Station) selected by the owner of the Station;

(11) a representative of the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers (IBEW) selected by the IBEW who shall be a present or former employee at the VYNPS;

(12) one member who will represent collectively the Towns of Chesterfield, Hinsdale, Richmond, Swanzey, and Winchester, New Hampshire, when selected by the Governor of New Hampshire at the invitation of the Commissioner of Public Service; and

(13) one member who will represent collectively the Towns of Bernardston, Colrain, Gill, Greenfield, Leyden, Northfield, and Warwick,

Massachusetts, when selected by the Governor of Massachusetts at the invitation of the Commissioner of Public Service.

(b) Ex officio members shall serve for the duration of their time in office or until a successor has been appointed. Members of the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly shall be appointed for two years or until their successors are appointed, beginning on or before January 15 in the first year of the biennium. Representatives designated by ex officio members shall serve at the direction of the designating authority.

(c) The ~~commissioner of public service~~ Commissioner of Public Service shall serve as ~~chairperson~~ the Chair until the Panel elects a Chair or Co-Chairs under subsection (d) of this section.

(d) The Panel annually shall elect a Chair or Co-Chairs, and a Vice Chair, for one-year terms commencing with its first meeting following the effective date of this section.

(e) A majority of the Panel's members ~~of the panel~~ shall constitute a quorum. The ~~panel~~ Panel shall act only by vote of a majority of its entire membership and only at meetings called by the ~~chairperson~~ Chair or a Co-Chair or by any ~~three~~ five of the members. The person or persons calling the meeting shall provide adequate notice to all its members.

~~(e)(f)~~ Members of the panel, ~~except for who are not~~ ex officio members ~~and except for legislative members while the general assembly is in session,~~

employees of the State of Vermont, representatives of the VYNPS, or members representing towns outside Vermont, and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to ~~\$30.00~~ \$50.00 per diem and their necessary and actual expenses. Funds for this purpose shall come from the monies collected under 30 V.S.A. § 22 for the purpose of maintaining the ~~public service board~~ Department of Public Service. Legislative members shall not be entitled to a per diem under this section for meetings while the General Assembly is in session.

~~(f)~~(g) The ~~department of public service~~ Commissioner of Public Service shall:

(1) manage the provision of administrative support to the Panel, including scheduling meetings and securing meeting locations, providing public notice of meetings, producing minutes of meetings, and assisting in the compilation and production of the Panel's annual report described in section 1701 of this title;

(2) keep the ~~panel~~ Panel informed of the status of matters within the jurisdiction of the ~~panel~~ Panel;

~~(2)~~(3) notify members of the ~~panel~~ Panel in a timely manner upon receipt of information relating to matters within the jurisdiction of the ~~panel~~ Panel; and

~~(3)~~(4) upon request, provide to all members of the ~~panel~~ Panel all relevant information within the ~~department's~~ control of the Department of Public Service relating to subjects within the scope of the duties of the ~~panel~~ Panel;

(5) provide workshops or training for Panel members as may be appropriate; and

(6) hire experts, contract for services, and provide for materials and other reasonable and necessary expenses of the Panel as the Commissioner may consider appropriate on request of the Panel from time to time. Funds for this purpose shall come from the monies collected under 30 V.S.A. § 22 for the purpose of maintaining the Department of Public Service and such other sources as may be or become available.

§ 1701. DUTIES

The Panel shall serve in an advisory capacity only and shall not have authority to direct decommissioning of the VYNPS. The duties of the ~~panel~~ Panel shall be:

(1) To hold a minimum of ~~three~~ four public meetings each year for the purpose of discussing issues relating to the ~~present and future use of nuclear power and to~~ decommissioning of the VYNPS. The Panel may hold additional meetings.

(2) To advise the ~~governor~~ Governor, the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly, and the agencies of the ~~state~~ ~~thereon~~ State, and the public on issues related to the decommissioning of the VYNPS, with a written report being provided annually to the ~~governor~~ Governor and to the energy committees of the ~~general assembly~~; General Assembly. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of reports) shall not apply to this report.

~~(2) To define the responsibilities of state agencies for assuring the safety and health of the public as the result of the operation of a fixed nuclear facility and to assess the ability of state and local governments to meet this responsibility in terms of both technical expertise and financial support;~~

~~(3) To discuss proposed changes in operations or specific problems that arise in the operation of a fixed nuclear facility, and to prepare and present technical data to serve as a basis for establishing the state's position on such changes or problems; To serve as a conduit for public information and education on and to encourage community involvement in matters related to the decommissioning of the VYNPS and to receive written reports and presentations on the decommissioning of the Station at its regular meetings.~~

~~(4) To maintain communications with the operators of any fixed nuclear facility, including the receipt of written reports and presentations to the panel at its regular meetings; To periodically receive reports on the Decommissioning Trust Fund and other funds associated with~~

decommissioning of or site restoration at the VYNPS, including fund balances, expenditures made, and reimbursements received.

(5) ~~To develop awareness in the state and in the state government of the potential liabilities, benefits, or repercussions of nuclear power generation in the state in comparison to other electrical energy sources; and~~ To receive reports regarding the decommissioning plans for the VYNPS, including any site assessments and post-shutdown decommissioning assessment reports; provide a forum for receiving public comment on these plans and reports; and to provide comment on these plans and reports as the Panel may consider appropriate to State agencies and the owner of the VYNPS and in the annual report described in subdivision (2) of this section

~~(6) To review the current status of state relations with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and to seek some agreement on federal and state regulatory efforts.~~

§ 1702. ASSISTANCE

~~Staff services for the committee shall be furnished by the department of public service, the agency of human services, the agency of environmental conservation, and the office of the attorney general~~ The Department of Public Service, the Agency of Human Services, and the Agency of Natural Resources shall furnish administrative support to the Panel, with assistance from the

owners of the VYNPS as the Commissioner of Public Service may consider appropriate.

Sec. E.233.1 DECOMMISSIONING ADVISORY PANEL; ASSESSMENT
OF CHARGE

(a) After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel created under 18 V.S.A. chapter 34 shall assess whether further changes to the Panel's membership or duties as amended by this act are appropriate and shall include recommendations on such further changes in the annual report to the Governor and energy committees of the General Assembly under 18 V.S.A. § 1701(2) to be filed on or before January 15, 2015.

Sec. E.234 [DELETED]

Sec. E.238 [DELETED]

* * * HUMAN SERVICES * * *

Sec. E.300 DEPOSIT AND USE OF MASTER SETTLEMENT FUND

(a) Deposit of Master Tobacco Settlement receipts and appropriations of Tobacco Settlement funds in fiscal year 2015 are made, notwithstanding 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. D.104.

Sec. E.300.1 APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT AUTHORITY FOR
COMBINED WAIVER AND INDEPENDENT DIRECT CARE
EXPENDITURES

(a) In the event that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approves combining the two Section 1115 waivers during State fiscal year 2015, the Secretary of Administration with the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee, may make net neutral adjustments among Agency of Human Services appropriations as appropriate, to reflect the necessary changes in fund accounting. This authority does not allow the transfer of programs among departments.

(b) Of the General Funds appropriated in Sec. B.300 of this act \$1,735,000 is for expenditures resulting from negotiated agreements for the provision of independent direct care. The Agency may transfer these funds to the departments as needed or proposed redistribution of the funds in the budget adjustment process for fiscal year 2015.

Sec. E.300.2 REVIEW; ADAP RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE
TREATMENT

(a) The Agency of Human Services in consultation with the Department of Vermont Health Access, the Department of Health, the Department of Finance and Management, and the Joint Fiscal Office shall review the fiscal impact of increasing the number of preapproved residential substance treatment days

from the current 15 days for adult Medicaid recipients. The review shall consider the following:

(1) the American Society for Addiction Medicine Patient Placements

Criteria;

(2) third-party payers processes for determination of length of stay;

(3) the process for extending the number of days of residential treatment beyond 15; and

(4) the relationship between the number of days in residence and patient outcomes.

(b) The review shall be submitted to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare by December 15, 2014.

Sec. E.301 Secretary's office – Global Commitment

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in this section for payment of the actuarially certified premium required under the intergovernmental agreement between the Agency of Human Services and the managed care entity, the Department of Vermont Health Access, as provided for in the Global Commitment for Health Waiver (Global Commitment) approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

(b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in this section, a total estimated sum of \$28,065,597 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

(1) \$17,621,550 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under the Global Commitment. This amount combined with \$22,878,450 of federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act equals a total estimated expenditure of \$40,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A. § 2959a.

(2) \$3,896,863 certified State match available from local education agencies for direct school-based health services, including school nurse services, that increase the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

(3) \$2,176,679 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible services as allowed by federal regulation for early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment programs for school-aged children.

(4) \$1,848,540 certified State match available via the University of Vermont's Child Health Improvement Program for quality improvement initiatives for the Medicaid program.

(5) \$2,521,965 certified State match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

(c) On or before December 31, 2014, designated and special service agencies that receive Global Commitments Funds for Medicaid reimbursement rate increases shall provide the Agency of Human Services their proposed allocation of these funds. On or before January 15, 2015, the Agency shall provide the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a consolidated report of the proposed allocations.

Sec. E.304 3 V.S.A. § 3090(e) is added to read:

(e) On or before January 15 of each year, the Board shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Human Services, and on Health Care and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on Finance regarding the fair hearings conducted by the Board during the three preceding calendar years, including:

(1) the total number of fair hearings conducted over the three-year period and per year;

(2) the number of hearings per year involving appeals of decisions by the Agency itself and each department within the Agency, with the appeals and decisions relating to health insurance through the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange reported distinctly from other programs;

(3) the number of hearings per year based on appeals of decisions regarding:

(A) eligibility;

(B) benefits;

(C) coverage;

(D) financial assistance;

(E) child support; and

(F) other categories of appeals;

(4) the number of hearings per year based on appeals of decisions regarding each State program over which the Board has jurisdiction;

(5) the number of decisions per year made in favor of the appellant; and

(6) the number of decisions per year made in favor of the department or the Agency.

Sec. E.306 32 V.S.A. § 307(d) is amended to read:

(d) The Governor's budget shall include his or her recommendations for an annual budget for Medicaid and all other health care assistance programs administered by the Agency of Human Services. The Governor's proposed

Medicaid budget shall include a proposed annual financial plan, and a proposed five-year financial plan, with the following information and analysis:

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(5) health care inflation trends consistent with provider reimbursements approved under 18 V.S.A. § 9376 and ~~hospital budgets approved by the Green Mountain Care Board under 18 V.S.A. chapter 221, subchapter 7~~ expenditure trends reported under 18 V.S.A. § 9375a;

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Sec. E. 306.1 EMERGENCY RULES

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 prior to June 30, 2015 to conform Vermont's rules regarding operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to federal guidance and regulations implementing the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended by the federal Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152. The rules shall be adopted to achieve timely compliance with federal laws and guidance and shall be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of emergency rules required pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

Sec. E.306.2 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES

(a) Program Objectives And Performance Measures:

(1) On or before September 15, 2014, the Chief of Health Care Reform, the Secretary of Human Services, and the Commissioners of Health and of Vermont Health Access in consultation with the Chief Performance Officer shall submit to the Joint Fiscal Committee, the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Human Services, and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare the program objectives for the State's substance abuse treatment services and three performance measures to measure success in reaching those program objectives.

(2) Thereafter, annually, on or before January 15, the Chief, Secretary, and Commissioners shall report to those Committees on the service delivery system's success in reaching the program objectives using the performance measure data collected for those services.

(b) Comprehensive Service Delivery System:

(1) On or before November 15, 2015, the Secretary of Administration and the Chief of Health Care Reform, in consultation with the Secretary of Human Services, shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee, the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Human Services, and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare on current and additional strategies to achieve a more comprehensive health care service

delivery system based on a greater integration of substance abuse payment and care coordination with physical and mental health. Recommendations may include organizational restructuring within the Agency of Human Services.

(2) The Secretary of Administration and the Chief of Health Care Reform are authorized to initiate recommended organizational restructuring if approved by the General Assembly or, if the General Assembly is not in session, by the Joint Fiscal Committee.

(c) Transfer of Global Commitment Funds:

(1) Subsequent to meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary of Administration and the Chief of Health Care Reform are authorized to transfer Global Commitment funds from the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) to the Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs for the Care Alliance for Opioid Addiction. A written notification shall be submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee for funds transferred under this subdivision and shall include a description of the specific use of funds within the Care Alliance for Opioid Addiction consistent with the objectives identified in subsection (a) of this section.

(2) Anticipated or identified savings in DVHA or other departments of the Agency of Human Services identified as a result of the increase expenditures through the Care Alliance for Opioid Addiction shall be included in the notification set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(d) Payment Methodology:

(1) On or before March 15, 2015, the Chief of Health Care Reform, Secretary of Human Services, and Commissioners of Health and of Vermont Health Access shall submit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Human Services, and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare a report on designing the payment methodology for substance abuse and mental health services to achieve the objectives in subsection (a) of this section. The report shall include the benefits, drawbacks, and costs of:

- (A) rate setting;
- (B) capitated funding;
- (C) performance-based contracts;
- (D) cost-based reimbursement;
- (E) capacity grants; and
- (F) bundled payments.

Sec. E.306.3 2 V.S.A. chapter 20 is added to read:

CHAPTER 20. HEALTH REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

§ 691. COMMITTEE CREATION

There is created a legislative Health Reform Oversight Committee. The Committee shall be composed of the following six members:

- (1) the Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations;

- (2) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations;
- (3) the Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means;
- (4) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance;
- (5) the Chair of the House Committee on Health Care; and
- (6) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare;

§ 692. POWERS AND DUTIES

(a) When the General Assembly is adjourned, the Committee shall provide legislative oversight and review of revenue collection, expenditures, and planning related to health care reform efforts in Vermont.

(b) When the General Assembly is adjourned during fiscal year 2015, the Commissioner of Vermont Health Access shall provide monthly updates regarding Vermont Health Benefit Exchange operations, enrollment data, coverage status, customer support, and Exchange website functionality.

(c) Effective on January 1, 2015, all reports previously submitted to the Health Care Oversight Committee shall be submitted to the Health Reform Oversight Committee.

§ 693. ASSISTANCE

(a) The Committee shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Legislative Council and the Joint Fiscal Office.

(b)(1) The Secretary of Administration and other members of the Executive Branch shall report to the Committee upon request.

(2) If applicable, the Secretary shall submit an electronic report to the Joint Fiscal Office for distribution to members of the Committee that summarizes any plans or actions taken by the Executive Branch to delay health care reform project schedules as a result of:

(A) increased costs exceeding official estimates;

(B) changes in the consensus revenue forecast of the Health Care Resources Fund;

(C) changes in the availability of federal funding; or

(D) any other changes related to the planning for and implementation of health care reform as directed by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 48.

§ 694. MEETINGS

(a) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the first meeting of each biennium.

(b) Meetings shall be convened by the Chair and when practicable shall be held in conjunction with meetings of the Joint Fiscal Committee.

(c)(1) A majority of the members of the Committee shall be physically present at the same location to constitute a quorum.

(2) A member may vote only if physically present at the meeting location.

(3) Action shall be taken only if there is both a quorum and a majority vote of the members physically present and voting.

§ 695. REIMBURSEMENT

For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to section 406 of this title for no more than six meetings.

Sec. E.306.4 REPEALS

(a) 2 V.S.A. chapter 24 (Health Care Oversight Committee) is repealed on January 1, 2015.

(b) 2004 Acts and Resolves No. 122, Sec. 141c (Mental Health Oversight Committee), as amended by 2006 Acts and Resolves No. 215, Sec. 293a and 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 124b, is repealed on January 1, 2015.

Sec. E.306.5 MEDICAID PRIMARY CARE RATES

(a) The State shall continue its efforts to bring the Medicaid reimbursement rates for providers of primary care closer to Medicare levels.

Sec. E.306.6 HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS OVERSIGHT PROPOSAL

(a) The fiscal year 2015 report required under 2 V.S.A. § 852(c) shall be made on or before December 31, 2014. In the report, the Health Care Oversight Committee shall, in consultation with the Mental Health Oversight Committee, recommend if a single oversight structure is needed to be the successor to the Health Care Oversight Committee and the Mental Health Oversight Committee.

Sec. E.307 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 53(d) is amended to read:

(d) Secs. 31 (Healthy Vermonters) and 32 (VPharm) shall take effect on January 1, 2014, except that the Department of Vermont Health Access may continue to calculate household income under the rules of the Vermont Health Access Plan after that date if the system for calculating modified adjusted gross income for the Healthy Vermonters and VPharm programs is not operational by that date, but no later than December 31, ~~2014~~ 2015.

Sec. E.308 CHOICES FOR CARE; SAVINGS, REINVESTMENTS, AND
SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

(a) In the Choices for Care program, “savings” means the difference remaining at the conclusion of the fiscal year between the annual amount of funds appropriated for Choices for Care, excluding allocations for the provision of acute care services, and the sum of expended and obligated funds less an amount equal to one-percent of the previous fiscal year total Choices for Care expenditure to function as a reserve to be used in the event of a fiscal need to freeze Moderate Needs Group enrollment. Savings shall be calculated by the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and reported to the Joint Fiscal Office.

(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living only obligate funds for expenditures approved under current law.

(b)(1) Any funds appropriated for long-term care under the Choices for Care program shall be used for long-term services and supports to recipients. In using these funds, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall give priority for services to individuals assessed as having high and highest needs and meeting the terms and conditions of the Choices for Care waiver.

(2)(A) First priority for the use of any savings from the long-term care appropriation after the needs of all individuals meeting the terms and conditions of the waiver have been met shall be given to home- and community-based services. Savings may also be used for quality improvement purposes in nursing homes but shall not be used to increase nursing home rates under 33 V.S.A. § 905.

(B) Savings either shall be one-time investments or shall be used in ways that are sustainable into the future. Excluding appropriations allocated for acute services, any unexpended and unobligated State General Fund or Special Fund appropriation remaining at the close of a fiscal year shall be carried over to the next fiscal year.

(C) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall not reduce the base funding needed in a subsequent fiscal year prior to calculating savings for the current fiscal year.

(c) The Department, in collaboration with Choices for Care participants, participants' families, and long-term care providers, shall conduct an annual assessment of the adequacy of the provider system for delivery of home- and community-based services and nursing home services. On or before October 1 of each year, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall report the results of this assessment to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare in order to inform the reinvestment of savings during the budget adjustment process.

(d) On or before January 15 of each year, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall propose reinvestment of the savings calculated pursuant to this section to the General Assembly as part of the Department's proposed budget adjustment presentation.

(e) Concurrent with the procedures set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 305a, the Joint Fiscal Office and the Secretary of Administration shall provide to the Emergency Board their respective estimates of caseloads and expenditures for programs under the Choices for Care Medicaid Section 1115 waiver.

(f) 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. E.308 shall be repealed effective on passage of this act.

(g) Beginning on July 1, 2014, notwithstanding subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section, reinvestment funds in fiscal year 2015 resulting from savings

identified at the close of fiscal year 2014 in the Choices for Care program shall first be allocated for expenditure increase in the Choices for Care home- and community-based programs due to negotiated agreements related to independent direct care in those programs and secondly be allocated for the purposes of 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 95, Sec.75a.

Sec. E.312 Health – public health

(a) AIDS/HIV funding:

(1) In fiscal year 2015 and as provided in this section, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000, of which \$135,000 is State general funds and \$340,000 is AIDS Medication Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations for client-based support services. It is the intent of the General Assembly that if the AIDS Medication Rebates special funds appropriated in this subsection are unavailable, the funding for Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations for client-based support services shall be maintained through the General Fund or other State-funding sources. The Department of Health AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory Group (CAG) with current information and data relating to service initiatives. The funds shall be allocated as follows:

(A) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont, \$120,281;

(B) HIV/HCV Resource Center, \$38,063;

(C) VT CARES, \$219,246;

(D) Twin States Network, \$45,160;

(E) People with AIDS Coalition, \$52,250.

(2) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont Medication Assistance Program (VMAP) shall be distributed in accordance with federal guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or services funded solely by State general funds.

(3)(A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in VMAP to assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary shall work in collaboration with persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to VMAP medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.

(B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services shall work in collaboration with the VMAP Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of no less than 50 percent of members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the program's eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall make recommendations regarding the program's formulary of approved medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility for the program.

(4) In fiscal year 2015, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$100,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service

organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for community-based HIV prevention programs and services. These funds shall be used for HIV/AIDS prevention purposes, including improving the availability of confidential and anonymous HIV testing; prevention work with at-risk groups such as women, intravenous drug users, and people of color; and anti-stigma campaigns. No more than 15 percent of the funds may be used for the administration of such services by the recipients of these funds. The method by which these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

(b) Funding for the tobacco programs in fiscal year 2015 shall consist of the \$2,393,377 in tobacco funds and \$302,507 in Global Commitment funds appropriated in Sec. B.312 of this act. The Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board shall determine how these funds are allocated to tobacco cessation, community-based, media, public education, surveillance, and evaluation activities. This allocation shall include funding for tobacco cessation programs that serve pregnant women.

Sec. E.312.1 18 V.S.A. § 1130 is amended to read:

§ 1130. IMMUNIZATION ~~PILOT PROGRAM~~ FUNDING

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Health care facility" shall have the same meaning as in section 9402 of this title.

(2) "Health care professional" means an individual, partnership, corporation, facility, or institution licensed or certified or authorized by law to provide professional health care services.

(3) "Health insurer" shall have the same meaning as in section 9402 of this title, but does not apply to insurers providing coverage only for a specified disease or other limited benefit coverage.

(4) "Immunizations" means vaccines and the application of the vaccines as recommended by the practice guidelines for children and adults established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

(5) "State health care programs" ~~shall include Medicaid, Dr. Dynasaur, and any other~~ means any health care program providing immunizations with funds available through the ~~Global Commitment for Health waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act~~ State and federal sources.

(6) "Covered lives" means the number of Vermont residents covered under a health insurance plan provided or administered by a health insurer.

(b)(1) The Department of Health shall ~~establish~~ administer an immunization ~~pilot~~ program with the ~~ultimate goal~~ goals of ensuring universal

access to vaccines for all Vermonters at no charge to the individual and to ~~reduce~~ reducing the cost at which the ~~state~~ State may purchase vaccines. The ~~pilot program shall be in effect from January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2014. During the term of the pilot program,~~ the Department shall purchase, provide for the distribution of, and monitor the use of vaccines as provided for in this subsection and subsection (c) of this section. The cost of the vaccines and an administrative surcharge shall be reimbursed by health insurers as provided for in subsections (e) and (f) of this section.

(2) The Department shall solicit, facilitate, and supervise the participation of health care professionals, health care facilities, and health insurers in the immunization ~~pilot~~ program in order to accomplish the State's goal of universal access to immunizations at the lowest practicable cost to individuals, insurers, and ~~state~~ State health care programs.

(3) The ~~department~~ Department shall gather and analyze data regarding the immunization ~~pilot~~ program for the purpose of ensuring its quality and maximizing protection of Vermonters against diseases preventable by vaccination.

(c) The immunization ~~pilot~~ program shall ~~include a bulk purchasing pool to maximize the discounts, rebates, or negotiated price of all vaccines for children and certain recommended vaccines for adults~~ purchase vaccines from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at the lowest available cost.

The Department shall determine annually which vaccines for adults shall be purchased under the program. ~~The Department may join a multi-state purchasing pool or contract with a wholesale distributor to negotiate prices for the vaccines provided through the program.~~

(d) The immunization ~~pilot~~ program shall provide for distribution of the vaccines to health care professionals and health care facilities for administration to patients.

(e) Health insurers shall ~~reimburse~~ remit to the Department for the actual cost of vaccines ~~provided to their subscribers and for the administration surcharge established in subsection (f) of this section,~~ as established by the Commissioner of Health based on the recommendation of the Immunization Funding Advisory Committee established in subsection (g) of this section.

(f) The Department shall charge each health insurer a surcharge for the costs and administration of the immunization ~~pilot~~ program. The surcharge shall be deposited into an existing special fund and used solely for the purpose of administering the ~~pilot~~ program.

(g)(1) ~~No later than July 1, 2009, the Commissioner shall convene an advisory committee to provide recommendations regarding the immunization pilot program, including:~~

~~(A) the vaccines to be included in the pilot program;~~

~~(B) the pilot program's target patient utilization goal for each vaccine selected for inclusion in the pilot program;~~

~~(C) the purchase price of vaccines;~~

~~(D) the administrative surcharge established pursuant to subsection (f) of this section; and~~

~~(E) the design of the evaluation for the immunization pilot program.~~

~~(2) The advisory committee shall include representatives from the three largest health insurers licensed to do business in Vermont and the Department of Vermont Health Access and shall be chaired by the Chief of the Immunization Program for the Department of Health.~~

~~(3) The advisory committee shall meet throughout the term of the pilot program.~~

The Immunization Funding Advisory Committee is established to provide the Commissioner of Health with an annual per-member per-month cost for vaccines for the pediatric population, an annual per-member per-month cost for vaccines for the adult population, and a recommendation for the amount of the yearly vaccine assessment. The Committee shall comprise the following nine members:

(A) the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy;

(B) the Executive Director of the Green Mountain Care Board;

(C) a representative of the Vermont Blueprint for Health, nominated by the Director of the Blueprint and appointed by the Commissioner of Health;

(D) three representatives of health insurers, one from each of the State's largest private health insurers, as determined by the number of covered lives, appointed by the Commissioner of Health;

(E) a representative of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Vermont chapter, appointed by the Commissioner of Health;

(F) a representative of the American Academy of Family Medicine, Vermont chapter, appointed by the Commissioner of Health; and

(G) a representative of employers that self-insure for health coverage, appointed by the Commissioner of Health.

(2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the first meeting of each calendar year. The Committee shall receive administrative support from the Department of Health.

(3) By January 1 of each year, the Committee shall provide to the Commissioner the annual fiscal assessment and the per-member per-month cost for pediatric vaccines based on the total number of pediatric covered lives reported by health insurers and the per-member per-month cost for adult vaccines based on the total number of adult covered lives reported by health insurers.

(h) ~~The Department of Health shall develop, with input from the advisory committee established pursuant to subsection (g) of this section, an evaluation methodology to determine the costs and effectiveness of the pilot program, including whether the total cost to health insurers of participation in the pilot program is less than or equal to their estimated costs had they not participated in the program.~~ If federal purchase requirements do not further the goal of ensuring universal access to vaccines for all, the Commissioner may, following consultation with the Immunization Funding Advisory Committee, discontinue the program with six months' advance notice to all health care professionals and to all health insurers with Vermont covered lives.

(i) The Department may adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 ~~if necessary~~ to implement this section.

Sec. E.312.2 [DELETED]

Sec. E.313 Health – alcohol and drug abuse programs

(a) For the purpose of meeting the need for outpatient substance abuse services when the preferred provider system has a waiting list of five days or more or there is a lack of qualified clinicians to provide services in a region of the State, a State-qualified alcohol and drug abuse counselor may apply to the Department of Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, for time-limited authorization to participate as a Medicaid provider to deliver clinical and case coordination services, as authorized.

(b)(1) In accordance with federal law, the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs may use the following criteria to determine whether to enroll a State-supported Medicaid and uninsured population substance abuse program in the Division's network of designated providers, as described in the State plan:

(A) The program is able to provide the quality, quantity, and levels of care required under the Division's standards, licensure standards, and accreditation standards established by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, or the Commission on Accreditation for Family Services.

(B) Any program that is currently being funded in the existing network shall continue to be a designated program until further standards are developed, provided the standards identified in this subdivision (b)(1) are satisfied.

(C) All programs shall continue to fulfill grant or contract agreements.

(2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not preclude the Division's "request for bids" process.

Sec. E.313.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.314 [DELETED]

Sec. E.314.1 MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET PRESENTATION

(a) In order for the General Assembly to evaluate whether the State is meeting the goals in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 79 of increasing community supports, decreasing inpatient care, and moving toward a less coercive system and to evaluate the outcomes of the systemwide investments made as the result of Act 79, the Departments of Mental Health and of Vermont Health Access shall in consultation with the State's Chief Performance Officer, as designee of the Secretary of Administration, provide a longitudinal capacity, caseload, expenditure, and utilization analysis with the fiscal year 2016 budget presentation for:

(1) Inpatient Services by the following funding categories:

(A) Level 1 inpatient psychiatric services;

(B) other involuntary inpatient psychiatric services;

(C) inpatient psychiatric services for community rehabilitation and treatment clients;

(D) inpatient psychiatric services for other Medicaid patients; and

(E) emergency department wait times for an acute inpatient psychiatric bed for minors and adults.

(2) Residential Services by categories of service, including:

(A) Intensive Recovery;

(B) Crisis Residential and Hospital Diversion;

(C) group homes;

(D) supported independent living; and

(E) secure residential.

(3) Community Mental Services by categories of service, including:

(A) community rehabilitation and treatment;

(B) crisis programs;

(C) outpatient clinics; and

(D) peer support programs.

(4) Other Mental Health Support Services and Administration.

Sec. E.314.2 TRANSPORTING PATIENTS

(a) As part of its fiscal year 2016 budget proposal, the Department of Mental Health shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Judiciary, the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the total number of transports, the number of persons transported in restraints, the number of transports done pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 7511 and the number of transports of children pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 5123 during the previous calendar year. The Department shall also provide the estimated cost of entering into contracts only with designated professionals or law enforcement officers for the transport of persons pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 7511 or of children pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 5123.

Sec. E.314.3 [DELETED]

Sec. E.314.4 PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL STAFFING

(a) By July 1, 2014, the Department of Mental Health shall establish criteria by which to determine the appropriate staffing level at the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital. The criteria shall consider the need to provide sufficient direct care and administrative and support staff consistent with the requirement to provide effective treatment services in an environment that monitors patient care, and the safety needs of patients, and aligns with the guidelines of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

(b) The Department shall provide a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Mental Health Oversight Committee in July 2014 regarding the staffing plan for the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital. The report shall justify and demonstrate the need for each of the administrative and support staff included in the plan, with the goal of limiting positions to those that are essential to meet the needs of operating the hospital.

(c) By July 1, 2014, the Department of Mental Health, in consultation with the State's Chief Performance Officer, as designee of the Secretary of Administration, shall identify desired outcomes, performance measures, and data requirements required to measure whether the hospital is achieving the stated outcomes for patient care, and the effectiveness of treatment services, patient monitoring, and safety requirements at the Vermont Psychiatric Care

Hospital and shall provide a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Mental Health Oversight Committee in July 2014.

Sec. E.314.5 [DELETED]

Sec. E.316 33 V.S.A. § 1702 is added to read:

§ 1702. PAYMENT ERROR RATE REPORT

On or before January 1 of the year following any federal fiscal year in which the State of Vermont receives a federal sanction for a payment error rate greater than the federal threshold in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Department for Children and Families shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare regarding:

(1) the number of households that received SNAP benefits and were discovered to have an overpayment or underpayment in the sanction year due to agency error, including the average amount of the overpayments and underpayments and the total amount of each; and

(2) the Department's specific plans for sanction reinvestment to improve its error rate for the next federal fiscal year and prevent sanction in the future.

Sec. E.318 33 V.S.A. § 3504 is added to read:

§ 3504. SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CARE GRANTS

In instances in which Extraordinary Financial Relief will not maintain ongoing access to high quality child care, the Department for Children and Families may provide additional support to ensure access to high-quality, comprehensive child care that meets the needs of working parents in high-poverty areas of Vermont. Licensed child care centers may be considered for this additional financial support to help ensure ongoing access to high-quality child care in areas of the State where none exists, as determined by the Commissioner. Financial assistance may be granted, at the discretion of the Commissioner, if the child care center meets the following criteria:

- (1) provides full-day child care year-round;
- (2) serves infants and toddlers;
- (3) is located in a high-poverty area without access to public transportation, as determined by the Commissioner;
- (4) maintains a 5 star rating in the SStep Ahead Recognition System (STARS) program;
- (5) maintains a caseload in which at least 80 percent of enrollees receive a 100 percent child care subsidy; and
- (6) receives child care subsidies as its primary source of program revenue.

Sec. E.321 HOUSING ASSISTANCE BENEFITS; FLEXIBILITY

PROGRAM

(a) For State fiscal year 2015, the Agency of Human Services may continue a housing assistance program within the General Assistance program to create flexibility to provide these General Assistance benefits. The purpose of the program is to mitigate poverty and serve applicants more effectively than they are currently being served with General Assistance funds. The program shall operate in a consistent manner within existing statutes and rules and policies effective on July 1, 2013, and any succeeding amendments thereto, and may create programs and provide services consistent with these policies. Eligible activities shall include, among others, the provision of shelter, overflow shelter, case management, transitional housing, deposits, down payments, rental assistance, upstream prevention, and related services that ensure that all Vermonters have access to shelter, housing, and the services they need to become safely housed. The assistance provided under this section is not an entitlement and may be discontinued when the appropriation has been fully spent.

(b) The program may operate in up to 12 districts designated by the Secretary of Human Services. The Agency shall establish outcomes and procedures for evaluating the program overall, and for each district in which

the Agency operates the program, it shall establish procedures for evaluating the district program and its effects.

(c) The Agency shall continue to engage interested parties, including both statewide organizations and local agencies, in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the General Assistance flexibility program.

Sec. E.321.1 GENERAL ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY HOUSING

(a) Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in the General Assistance program in fiscal year 2015 may be used for emergency housing in catastrophic situations, for the cold weather exemption, and, with supervisory approval, for vulnerable populations without a catastrophic need as defined in emergency rules adopted by the Agency after July 1, 2013, except in instances when:

(1) appropriate shelter space, as defined in rules adopted by the Agency pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, is available; or

(2) the applicant household has caused its own loss of housing, as defined in rules adopted by the Agency pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

(b) Except as described in subsection (a) of this section, the Agency may only provide General Assistance emergency housing benefits in catastrophic situations as defined in rules. The cold weather exemption issued by the

Department for Children and Families' Economic Services Division dated October 25, 2012, and any succeeding amendments to it, shall remain in effect.

(c) The Agency shall adopt permanent rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 that implement the eligibility system for emergency housing to vulnerable populations that do not have a catastrophic need established by emergency rules adopted after July 1, 2013. Until the Agency adopts permanent rules incorporating the eligibility system for emergency housing to vulnerable populations described in this section, the Agency shall continue to adopt emergency rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844, implementing such an eligibility system. Eligibility for vulnerable populations shall be limited to 28 calendar days and subject to available funds, supervisory review, and approval.

Sec. E.321.2 33 V.S.A. § 1114 is amended to read:

§ 1114. DEFERMENTS, MODIFICATIONS, AND REFERRAL

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(b) The work requirements shall be either modified or deferred for:

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(5) A participant who is needed in the home on a full or part-time basis in order to care for an ill or disabled parent, spouse, or child. In granting deferments, the Department shall fully consider the participant's preference as to the number of hours the participant is able to leave home to participate in

work activities. A deferral or modification of the work requirement exceeding 60 days due to the existence of illness or disability pursuant to this subdivision shall be confirmed by the independent medical review of one or more physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, or other health care providers designated by the Secretary of Human Services prior to receipt of continued financial assistance under the Reach Up program.

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(d) Absent an apparent condition or claimed physical, emotional, or mental condition, participants are presumed to be able-to-work. A participant shall have the burden of demonstrating the existence of the condition asserted as the basis for a deferral or modification of the work requirement. A deferral or modification of the work requirement exceeding 60 days due to the existence of conditions rendering the participant unable-to-work shall be confirmed by the independent medical review of one or more physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, or other health care providers designated by the Secretary of Human Services prior to receipt of continued financial assistance under the Reach Up program.

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(f) As used in this section, “health care provider” means a person, partnership, or corporation, other than a facility or institution, licensed or certified or authorized by law to provide professional health care service in this

State to an individual during that individual's medical care, treatment, or confinement.

Sec. E.324 HOME HEATING FUEL ASSISTANCE/LIHEAP

(a) For the purpose of a crisis set-aside, for seasonal home heating fuel assistance through December 31, 2014, and for program administration, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall transfer \$2,550,000 from the Home Weatherization Assistance Trust Fund to the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Fund to the extent that federal LIHEAP or similar federal funds are not available. An equivalent amount shall be returned to the Home Weatherization Trust Fund from the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Fund to the extent that federal LIHEAP or similar federal funds are received. Should a transfer of funds from the Home Weatherization Assistance Trust Fund be necessary for the 2014–2015 crisis set-aside and for seasonal home heating fuel assistance through December 31, 2014 and if LIHEAP funds awarded as of December 31, 2014 for fiscal year 2015 do not exceed \$2,550,000, subsequent payments under the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program shall not be made prior to January 30, 2015. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, payments authorized by the Office of Home Heating Fuel Assistance shall not exceed funds available, except that for fuel assistance payments made through December 31, 2014, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may anticipate receipts into the Home Weatherization Assistance Trust Fund.

Sec. E.324.1 33 V.S.A. § 2605 is amended to read:

§ 2605. BENEFIT AMOUNTS

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(f) Households that make undesignated payments for energy for home heat in the form of rent and are participating in a public, subsidized, or Section 8 housing program shall be eligible for a nominal annual home heating fuel assistance benefit of ~~\$5.00~~ \$21.00.

(g) Residents of the dwelling unit who make reasonable compensation in the form of room rent and who are not members of the same household shall be eligible for an annual home heating fuel assistance benefit in the amount of ~~\$50.00~~ \$21.00.

(h) Households receiving benefits from 3SquaresVT whose head of household is not otherwise eligible for a fuel benefit under this section shall be eligible for a nominal annual home heating fuel assistance benefit of ~~\$3.00~~ \$21.00.

Sec. E 324.2 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

(a) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee may authorize crisis fuel assistance to those income-eligible households that have applied for an expedited seasonal fuel benefit but have not yet received it, if the benefit cannot be executed in time to prevent them from running out of fuel. The crisis fuel grants authorized pursuant to this section count toward the one crisis

fuel grant allowed per household for the winter heating season pursuant to
33 V.S.A. § 2609(b).

Sec. E.324.3 PLAN TO ADVANCE COORDINATION OF THE HOME
HEATING FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND THE
HOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(a) The Commissioner for Children and Families, the Chief Administrator
of the Office of Economic Opportunity, and the Director of the Office of Home
Heating Fuel Assistance, shall develop a plan to advance the coordination of
the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program (HHFAP) and the Home
Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP). The plan shall include the
programmatic and fiscal impacts and shall maximize coordination of the two
programs in pursuit of the following objectives:

(1) to weatherize homes of low-income households to reduce energy
consumption, resulting in a reduction in the financial burden for the
weatherization customer;

(2) to adjust the HHFAP benefit after a home is weatherized to reflect
fuel consumption costs and savings resulting from weatherization services;

(3) to identify an incentive for people to weatherize once the HWAP and
HHFAP are more formally coordinated; and

(4) to adjust HHFAP payments to households residing in homes constructed to energy efficiency standards, to the extent that this information is available.

(b) On or before January 15, 2015, the Commissioner for Children and Families shall submit the plan described in subsection (a) of this section to the General Assembly.

Sec. E.325 Department for children and families – office of economic opportunity

(a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$1,092,000 shall be granted to community agencies for homeless assistance by preserving existing services, increasing services, or increasing resources available statewide. These funds may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal Emergency Solutions Grants Funds. Grant decisions shall be made with assistance from the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness.

Sec. E.326 Department for children and families – OEO – weatherization assistance

(a) Of the Special Fund appropriation in Sec. B.326 of this act, \$750,000 is for the replacement and repair of home heating equipment.

Sec. E.326.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.329 VERMONT VETERANS' HOME; REGIONAL BED

CAPACITY

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall not include the bed count at the Vermont Veterans' Home when recommending and implementing policies that are based on or intended to impact regional nursing home bed capacity in the State.

Sec. E.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living – advocacy and independent living

(a) Prior to the certification of any new adult day program, the Department shall require a demonstration that the new program is filling an unmet need for adult day services in a given geographic region.

Sec. E.330.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.337 COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL OF VERMONT

(a) On or before July 15, 2014, the Commissioner of Corrections, in consultation with the Community High School of Vermont Board, shall prepare and submit a report to the Joint Legislative Corrections Oversight Committee on the current trends relating to the student population at the Community High School of Vermont. The report shall include the following:

(1) a detailed description of the School's programs, curriculum, and outcomes;

(2) data and projections on the student population, including the total number of students enrolled at the School, the number of students who are currently incarcerated, student ages, and the current cost per student;

(3) a comparison of the School's current cost per student with statewide education spending per student; and

(4) an analysis of the use of more efficient delivery systems, including technology.

(b) On or before January 1, 2015, the Joint Legislative Corrections Oversight Committee shall prepare and submit recommendations to the General Assembly based on the report submitted in subsection (a) of this section for a plan to fund programs and curriculum at the Community High School of Vermont. The Committee shall include recommendations whether the School may enroll students who are not in the custody of the Commissioner and who have not completed secondary education if space is available and no budget increase would be required.

Sec. E.338 2008 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. 22(a), as amended by 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 157, Sec. 14, as further amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104, Sec. 38 and by 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 41, Sec. 1a, is amended to read:

(a) Secs. 11 and 12 of this act shall take effect on ~~July 1, 2014~~ July 1, 2016.

Sec. E.339 Corrections – Correctional services - out of state beds

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.339 of this act, up to \$202,000 shall be used to fund the Windham County Electronic Monitoring Pilot Program as follows:

(1) up to \$147,200 shall be used to reimburse the State's Attorneys and Sheriffs for costs incurred by the Windham County Sheriff's Office for operation of the Windham County Electronic Monitoring Pilot Project.

(2) up to \$54,800 shall be used to reimburse the Joint Fiscal Office for a contract for evaluation of the pilot project.

Sec. E.339.1 13 V.S.A. § 7554c is added to read:

§ 7554c. WINDHAM COUNTY ELECTRONIC MONITORING PILOT
PROGRAM

(a)(1) The Windham County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) shall establish and manage a two-year electronic monitoring pilot program in Windham County for the purpose of supervising persons ordered to be under electronic monitoring as a condition of release pursuant to section 7554 of this title, to home detention pursuant to section 7554b of this title, and home confinement furlough pursuant to 28 V.S.A. § 808b. The program shall be a part of an integrated community incarceration program and shall provide 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week electronic monitoring with supervision and immediate response.

(2) For purposes of this program:

(A) if electronic monitoring is ordered by the Court pursuant to section 7554 of this title, the Court shall use the criteria in section 7554b for determining whether home detention is appropriate;

(B) the seven-day waiting period under 7554b of this title shall not apply; and

(C) for persons who are under the custody of the Department of Corrections pursuant to section 7554b of this title and 28 V.S.A. § 808b, the WCSO shall notify the Department of any violations.

(b) The goal of the pilot program is to assist policymakers in determining whether electronically monitored home detention and home confinement can be utilized for pretrial detention and as a post-adjudication option to reduce recidivism, to improve public safety, and to save valuable bed space for detainees and inmates who should be lodged in a correctional facility. Additional benefits may include reducing transportation costs, increasing detainee access to services, reducing case resolution time, and determining if the program can be replicated statewide.

(c) The WCSO shall work with the Crime Research Group (CRG) for design and evaluation assistance. The program shall be evaluated by CRG to determine if the stated goals have been attained, the cost and savings of the program, identifying what goals or objective were not met and if not, what

could be changed to meet the goals and objectives to ensure program success.

The Joint Fiscal Office shall contract with the CRG to provide design and evaluation services.

(d) The pilot program shall be in effect from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2016.

Sec. E.342 Vermont veterans' home – care and support services

(a) The Vermont Veterans' Home will use the Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section for the purpose of increasing the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sec. E.342.1 20 V.S.A. § 1713 is amended to read:

§ 1713. VERMONT VETERANS' HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(a) The Vermont ~~veterans' home~~ Veterans' Home is governed by the Vermont ~~veterans' home board of trustees~~ Veterans' Home Board of Trustees.

(b) The ~~board~~ Board shall consist of ~~20~~ 21 members, ~~15 of whom shall be veterans who have been honorably discharged from any branch of the United States armed services, to:~~

(1) Twenty members shall be appointed by the ~~governor~~ Governor for staggered terms of three years, at least 15 of whom shall be veterans who have been honorably discharged from any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. Each appointed trustee shall serve until a successor has been appointed. In the event

~~a~~ an appointed trustee vacates the ~~board~~ Board, is unable to serve, or is removed by the Governor for cause, the ~~governor~~ Governor shall appoint another trustee to serve the unexpired term of the departing trustee.

(2)(A) One member of the Board shall be a classified employee who has at least five years of service at the Home. This trustee shall be elected by a secret ballot administered by the Board and cast by the classified employees of the Home. This trustee shall not vote in case of a real or apparent conflict of interest, shall serve a term of three years and until a successor is elected, and may be removed by the Governor for cause.

(B) The Board shall give notice of a vacancy of this trustee position and hold an election no more than 30 days from the notice date. In the event this trustee vacates the Board, is unable to serve, or is removed by the Governor for cause, the classified employees of the Home shall elect another classified employee of the Home to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

(c) The ~~board~~ Board shall ~~annually~~ elect annually a ~~president~~ President, a ~~vice president~~ Vice President, and a ~~secretary~~ Secretary from among its members. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings; provided, however, if there is a vacancy on the ~~board~~ Board, the number of trustees constituting a quorum shall be one more than one-half the number of ~~appointed~~ the remaining trustees.

(d) Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010, trustees who are not ~~state~~ State employees shall be entitled to per diem and reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with performing their duties under this chapter.

Sec. E.342.2 REPEAL

(a) On July 1, 2017, 20 V.S.A. § 1713(b)(2)A)–(B) (creating the classified employee position on the Vermont Veterans’ Home Board of Trustees) is repealed and the requirement for a classified employee position on the Board shall cease.

Sec. E.342.3 20 V.S.A. § 1714 is amended to read:

§ 1714. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the Board shall have all powers necessary and convenient for governing the Home, providing services to veterans and other residents, and otherwise performing its duties under this chapter, including the authority to:

(1) Adopt policies, procedures, and bylaws regarding the operation of the Board and the operation and management of the Home.

(2) Receive, hold, accept, manage, and convey any interest in real or personal property acquired by the Home by gift, grant, purchase, devise, or otherwise for the purpose of managing the Home and providing services to veterans and such members of their families as the Board deems proper, under

such conditions and regulations as the Board may from time to time prescribe. Included within the powers granted by this subdivision, and notwithstanding any other contrary provision of law, is the authority to apply and administer the real or personal property to further the purposes of the Home in accordance with the terms specified by gift, grant, or devise; provided that in the absence of specified terms, the ~~board~~ Board shall have the authority to apply and administer the property in the manner and for the purposes the Board deems appropriate. Also included within the powers granted in this subdivision is the authority to hold title to the real property originally conveyed to the Trustees of the Soldiers Home in Vermont by the Trenor W. Park Home for Destitute Children and Women by quitclaim deed dated January 15, 1887, which shall be administered in the manner provided by the gift.

(3) By written procedure, establish, revise, and collect charges for residential room and board. Charges collected under this subdivision shall be credited to special funds, established and administered pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available to the Home to offset the cost of providing services.

(4) Recommend for appointment by the Governor a licensed nursing home administrator to serve as the ~~Commandant~~ Chief Executive Officer of the Home. The ~~Commandant~~ Chief Executive Officer shall be appointed for an indefinite term and shall be subject to removal, after consultation with the

Governor, upon a majority vote of the ~~board~~ Board. The ~~Commandant~~ Chief Executive Officer shall be exempt from the State's classified service.

(5) Contract for professional services necessary and appropriate for ~~accounting and managing gifts, grants, or devises acquired by the Home~~ in a manner consistent with 3 V.S.A. chapter 14.

(6) Contract for managerial and administrative services, provided the contract is reviewed and either renewed or renegotiated each year by the Board in a manner consistent with 3 V.S.A. chapter 14.

(7) Contract with the federal Department of Veterans Affairs for services related to the purpose of the Home.

(8) ~~Contract for the services of a medical director.~~ [Repealed.]

(9) ~~Contract for chaplain services.~~ [Repealed.]

(10) Establish committees of the Board as necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the Home.

(11) Adopt rules in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 for the purpose of administering the provisions of this chapter.

(12) Admit and care for veterans and other residents whose admission does not interfere with the Board's ability to serve its core mission of caring for veterans. No resident shall be admitted whose admission precludes federal funding or otherwise violates federal law or regulation governing the Vermont Veterans' Home.

Sec. E.342.4 20 V.S.A. § 1716 is amended to read:

§ 1716. ~~COMMANDANT~~ CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The ~~commandant~~ Chief Executive Officer shall be the chief administrative officer of the ~~home~~ Home and shall exercise general supervision over the business and affairs of the ~~home~~ Home. In addition to other duties, the ~~commandant~~ Chief Executive Officer shall:

- (1) Attend meetings of the ~~board~~ Board and act as its treasurer.
- (2) Make reports concerning the ~~home~~ Home to the ~~board~~ Board at such times and in such detail as the ~~board~~ Board directs, together with recommendations the ~~commandant~~ Chief Executive Officer deems appropriate for the welfare and care of the residents of the ~~home~~ Home.
- (3) Report annually to the ~~general assembly~~ legislative standing committees of jurisdiction regarding the ~~home's~~ Home's budget.
- (4) Subject to approval of the ~~board~~ Board, appoint a deputy or an executive assistant, ~~and a private secretary, both a Marketing and Admissions Coordinator, a Financial Director, an Environmental Services Manager, and a Nursing Services Director, all~~ of whom shall be appointed for an indefinite term and shall be subject to removal upon a majority vote of the ~~board~~ Board. These positions shall be exempt from the ~~state's~~ State's classified service.
- (5) ~~Subject to approval of the board, appoint a director of nursing services, a personnel manager, a finance manager, a facilities manager, and~~

Appoint all other ~~staff~~ employees necessary for the efficient management of the ~~home~~ Home, all of whom shall be classified ~~state~~ State employees subject to the provisions of Vermont statutes.

(6) Supervise and direct all employees of the ~~home~~ Home and prescribe their duties not otherwise established by the ~~board~~ Board or by ~~state~~ State or federal law.

(7) Ensure that all laws, rules, regulations, and policies pertaining to the ~~home~~ Home are observed.

(8) Prepare policies related to operation of the ~~home~~ Home, subject to approval by the ~~board~~ Board.

(9) Collect all sums due and payable to the ~~home~~ Home and transfer the same to the ~~state treasurer~~ State Treasurer when received.

(10) Perform such other duties as may be directed by the ~~board~~ Board to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(11) Report annually on or before July 1 to the Secretary of Administration, the House Committees on Appropriations, on General, Housing and Military Affairs, and on Government Operations, the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and on Government Operations on the number of employees who work at the Vermont Veterans' Home for 16 hours or fewer per week.

Sec. E.342.5 20 V.S.A. § 1717 is amended to read:

§ 1717. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1714(2) of this chapter, all funds of the ~~home not already managed in accordance with subchapter 1 of chapter 7 of Title 32~~ Home, except residents' funds as described in subsection (e) of this section, shall be ~~transferred to~~ held by the state treasurer to be State Treasurer and credited to appropriate accounts established in compliance with subsection (b) of this section and 32 V.S.A. § 401(a).

(b) There are created one or more ~~special and permanent~~ funds to be held in trust and administered pursuant to subchapter 5 of chapter 7 of Title 32. To these funds shall be credited ~~those~~ donations and endowments ~~transferred to the state treasurer in subsection (a) of this section and any future donations and endowments~~ to the ~~home~~ Home with and without specific restrictions on their use. Interest and earnings ~~both prospectively and retrospectively earned on~~ accruing to the funds created by this subsection shall be credited to the respective fund. The funds deposited pursuant to this subsection shall not be considered funds of the ~~state~~ State and shall be used solely for the purposes of this chapter, subject to the terms and conditions of the gift and to the terms and conditions of the donation or endowment. Upon deposit with the State Treasurer's Office, the Home may request from the State Treasurer's Office and may retain locally up to \$10,000.00 of donations and endowments, which

may be expended consistent with their applicable terms and conditions, for supporting residents of the home. The funds shall be maintained in an account pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 431. The Chief Executive Officer shall make a report at each scheduled Board meeting of the locally retained donations and endowments. The report shall include any amounts requested by the Home from the State Treasurer's Office, the nature of the funds, the account balance, and any expenditures.

(c) Monies from the funds established by this section may be expended by the ~~home~~ Home upon submission of vouchers, submitted at the direction and with the approval of the ~~board~~ Board, to the ~~commissioner of finance and management~~ Commissioner of Finance and Management in compliance with 32 V.S.A. § 463, and issuance of warrants pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §§ 461 and 465. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall approve expeditiously any request for a release of funds if the request is in conformance with all applicable ~~state~~ State law.

(d) On no less than a quarterly basis, the ~~treasurer~~ Chief Executive Officer of the Home shall provide a statement of account activity and fund balances to the ~~board~~ Board.

(e) Notwithstanding ~~subchapter 1 of chapter 7 of Title 32~~ the provisions of 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 1, the ~~home~~ Home is authorized to retain ~~those~~ funds when acting in a trustee capacity for individual residents of the ~~home~~

Home. Establishment and maintenance of accounts for this purpose shall be pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 431 and any other relevant provisions of law.

(f) ~~Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 5(a)(3), the \$1,000.00 limit for reporting pursuant to that subdivision shall be \$10,000.00 as applied to the home~~ Grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value may be accepted pursuant to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 5.

Sec. E.342.6 20 V.S.A. § 1719 is amended to read:

§ 1719. LEGAL ACTIONS

(a) Except for purposes of collecting charges due under subdivision ~~1714(a)(3)~~ 1714(3) of this ~~title~~ chapter, the ~~board~~ Board shall have no independent authority to sue, be sued, complain, or defend in its own name or on behalf of the ~~home~~ Home. The ~~attorney general~~ Attorney General shall represent the ~~board~~ Board and the ~~home~~ Home in all civil actions as provided by law. Outside legal counsel may be obtained with the concurrence of the ~~attorney general~~ Attorney General.

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Sec. E.342.7 32 V.S.A. § 5 is amended to read:

§ 5. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS

(a) No original of any grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money or thing of value may be accepted by any agency, department, commission, board, or other part of State government except as follows:

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(3)(A) This section shall not apply to the following items, provided that the acceptance of those items will not incur additional expense to the State or create an ongoing requirement for funds, services, or facilities:

(i) the acceptance of grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value with a value of \$5,000.00 or less,~~or to;~~

(ii) the acceptance by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation of grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value with a value of \$15,000.00 or less,~~provided that such acceptance will not incur additional expense to the State or create an ongoing requirement for funds, services, or facilities; or~~

(iii) the acceptance by the Vermont Veterans' Home of grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value with a value of \$10,000.00 or less.

(B) The Secretary of Administration and Joint Fiscal Office shall be promptly notified of the source, value, and purpose of any items received under this subdivision. The Joint Fiscal Office shall report all such items to the Joint Fiscal Committee quarterly.

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Sec. E.342.8 3 V.S.A. § 3002(b) is amended to read:

(b) The following units are attached to the ~~agency~~ Agency for administrative support:

(1) ~~Vermont veterans' home.~~ [Repealed.]

(2) ~~Governor's committee on children and youth.~~ [Repealed.]

(3) ~~Interdepartmental council on aging.~~ [Repealed.]

(4)-(17) [Repealed.]

(18) Governor's ~~committee on employment of the handicapped~~

Committee on Employment of Persons with Disabilities.

(19) [Repealed.]

(20) [Repealed.]

Sec. E.345 Green mountain care board

(a) The Green Mountain Care Board shall use the Global Commitment Funds appropriated in this section to encourage the formation and maintenance of public-private partnerships in health care, including initiatives to support and improve the health care delivery system.

Sec. E.345.1 8 V.S.A. § 4062(h) is amended to read:

(h)(1) ~~This~~ The authority of the Board under this section shall apply only to the rate review process for policies for major medical insurance coverage and shall not apply to the policy forms for major medical insurance coverage or to the rate and policy form review process for policies for specific disease,

accident, injury, hospital indemnity, dental care, vision care, disability income, long-term care, student health insurance coverage, or other limited benefit coverage; ~~to Medicare supplemental insurance;~~ or to benefit plans that are paid directly to an individual insured or to his or her assigns and for which the amount of the benefit is not based on potential medical costs or actual costs incurred.

(2) The policy forms for major medical insurance coverage, as well as the policy forms, premium rates, and rules for the classification of risk for the other lines of insurance described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the Commissioner. In making his or her determination, the Commissioner shall consider whether a policy form, premium rate, or rule is affordable and is not unjust, unfair, inequitable, misleading, or contrary to the laws of this State. The Commissioner shall make his or her determination within 30 days after the date the insurer filed the policy form, premium rate, or rule with the Department. At the expiration of the 30-day period, the form, premium rate, or rule shall be deemed approved unless prior to then it has been affirmatively approved or disapproved by the Commissioner or found to be incomplete. The Commissioner shall notify an insurer in writing if the insurer files any form, premium rate, or rule containing a provision that does not meet the standards expressed in this subsection. In

such notice, the Commissioner shall state that a hearing will be granted within 20 days upon the insurer's written request.

(3) Medicare supplemental insurance policies shall be exempt only from the requirement in subdivisions (a)(1) and (2) of this section for the Green Mountain Care Board's approval on rate requests and shall be subject to the remaining provisions of this section.

Sec. E.345.2 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 5b is amended to read:

Sec. 5b. STANDARDIZED HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS AND
EDITS

(a)(1) As part of moving away from fee-for-service and toward other models of payment for health care services in Vermont, the Green Mountain Care Board, in consultation with the Department of Vermont Health Access, health care providers, health insurers, and other interested stakeholders, shall develop a complete set of standardized edits and payment rules based on Medicare or on another set of standardized edits and payment rules appropriate for use in Vermont. The Board and the Department shall adopt by rule the standards and payment rules that health care providers, health insurers, and other payers shall use beginning on January 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 and that Medicaid shall use beginning on January 1, 2017.

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Sec. E.400 21 V.S.A. § 1314(c) is amended to read:

(c) If an employing unit fails to comply adequately with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section and section 1314a of this title, the Commissioner shall determine the benefit rights of a claimant upon such information as is available. Prompt notice in writing of the determination shall be given to the employing unit. The determination shall be final with respect to a noncomplying employer as to any charges against its experience-rating record for benefits paid to the claimant before the week following the receipt of the employing unit's reply. The employing unit's experience rating record shall not be relieved of these charges, notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, ~~unless the amount of benefits is recovered from the claimant, or unless~~ the Commissioner determines that failure to comply was due to unavoidable accident or mistake.

Sec. E.400.1 21 V.S.A. § 1347(c) is amended to read:

(c) The person liable under this section shall repay such amount to the Commissioner for the ~~fund~~ Fund. In addition to the repayment, if the Commissioner finds that a person intentionally misrepresented or failed to disclose a material fact with respect to his or her claim for benefits, the person shall pay an additional penalty of 15 percent of the amount of the overpaid benefits. Any additional penalty amount collected shall be deposited in the

Fund. Such amount may be collectible by civil action in a Vermont ~~district or superior court~~ District or Superior Court, in the name of the Commissioner.

* * * K-12 EDUCATION * * *

Sec. E.500 Education – finance and administration

(a) The Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section for school health services, including school nurses, shall be used for the purpose of funding certain health-care-related projects. It is the goal of these projects to reduce the rate of uninsured or underinsured persons, or both, in Vermont and to increase the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sec. E.500.1 UNIFORM CHART OF ACCOUNTS COMPLETION,

TRANSITION, TRAINING, AND SUPPORT

(a) On or before June 30, 2015, GASB compliant Uniform Chart of Accounts and Financial Reporting requirements shall be established by the Agency of Education which shall:

(1) be comprehensive in respect to compliance with federal funds reporting requirements; and

(2) provide the financial information necessary for State and local education decision makers in regard to specific program costs and evaluation of student outcomes.

(b) The Agency of Education shall hire a contractor or contractors through the State's procurement process to assist them in the establishment and completion of the requirements of subsection (a) of this section. Contract deliverables shall include but not be limited to:

(1) a comprehensive accounting manual, with related business rules;

(2) specifications for school financial software; and

(3) a detailed transition and support plan that ensures local reporting entities required to record and report information consistent with requirements of subsection (a) of this section can fully comply on or before July 1, 2017.

Sec. E.500.2 EDUCATION ANALYST

(a) The establishment of one (1) new limited service exempt position – Education Analyst in the Agency of Education is authorized in fiscal year 2014. The position shall work across the Agency to create tools and indicators for use by education decision makers at the State and local level. The analyst will correlate and identify connections among the various functional areas within the Agency, including but not limited to student test scores, attendance, graduation and continuation rates, demographics, district expenditures by category, and staffing patterns. The analyst will assist local and State level decision makers to assess the return on education dollars based on analysis of opportunities provided, cost-effectiveness, and outcomes for a given level of expenditure.

Sec. E.500.3 SUPPLEMENTAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND USE

(a) Of the special funds appropriated in Sec. B.500 of this act, \$3,500,000 is appropriated from the Supplemental Property Tax Relief Fund to be used as follows:

(1) in fiscal year 2015, the funds necessary to fund the analyst position established in Sec E.500.2 of this act.

(2) in fiscal year 2015, up to \$400,000 shall be used for Sec. E.500.1(a)–(b) of this act.

(3) any remaining funds in this appropriation shall carry forward for the purposes of this subdivision upon authorization of the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the legislature is not in session. The purpose is to improve the operation of the educational system leading to property tax relief, including:

(A) continuation of the analyst position established in Sec E.500.2 of this act;

(B) implementation of integrated systems to maintain financial data and longitudinal student data that enable measurement and district-to-district comparisons to support education-related decisions at the State and local levels;

(C) support for one-time investments to enhance the capacity of schools and the Agency of Education for continuous improvement toward

reliable comparative data and accounting systems to improve fiscal decision making and increase fiscal transparency;

(D) investments and expenditures incurred in carrying out system changes; and

(E) incentives or rewards to control education spending while maintaining or improving outcomes for students.

(b) As part of the fiscal year 2016 budget presentation, the Agency shall include the amount of funds available from the appropriated fund for the purposes of subdivision (a)(3) of this section and any recommended expenditures of these funds in fiscal year 2016.

Sec. E.500.4 16 V.S.A. § 176 is amended to read:

§ 176. POSTSECONDARY SCHOOLS CHARTERED IN VERMONT

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(d) Exemptions. The following are exempt from the requirements of this section except for the requirements of subdivision (c)(1)(C) of this section:

(1) ~~Programs~~ Nondegree-granting and noncredit-granting programs of education sponsored by a trade, labor, business, or professional organization that are conducted solely for that organization's membership or for members of the particular industries or professions served by that organization.

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(m) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the State from participating in any interstate reciprocity agreement for the purpose of authorizing online postsecondary programs. For purposes of reciprocity between states for institutional authorization, the Secretary, or other Vermont agency as appropriate, shall investigate any complaints related to Vermont institutions participating in a recognized interstate reciprocity agreement.

Sec. E.500.5 16 V.S.A. § 176a(e) is amended to read:

(e) Exemptions. The following are exempt from the provisions of this section:

(1) ~~Programs~~ Nondegree-granting and noncredit-granting programs of education sponsored by a trade, labor, business, or professional organization that are conducted solely for that organization's membership or for members of the particular industries or professions served by that organization.

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(6) Programs of education offered solely via the Internet or electronic media, provided that the program's home state has entered into an interstate reciprocity agreement with Vermont and the program:

(A) is a member in good standing of the agreement within the home state; and

(B) has no "physical presence" in Vermont as that term is defined in the agreement.

Sec. E.500.6 16 V.S.A. § 11(28) is amended to read:

(28) “State-placed student” means:

(A) a Vermont student who has been placed in a school district other than the district of residence of the student’s parent, parents, or guardian or in an approved residential facility by a Vermont ~~state~~ State agency, a Vermont licensed child placement agency, a designated community mental health agency, ~~or~~ any other agency as defined by the Secretary, or by a court of competent jurisdiction in another state, territory, or country; or

(B) a Vermont student who:

(i) is 18 years of age or older;

(ii) is living in a community residence as a result of placement by a Vermont ~~state~~ State agency, a Vermont licensed child placement agency, ~~or~~ a designated community mental health agency, or by a court of competent jurisdiction in another state, territory, or country, and whose residential costs are paid for in whole or in part by one of these agencies; and

(iii) resides in a school district other than the district of the student’s parent or parents; or

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Sec. E.500.7 SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES; PILOT
PROGRAM; REPORT

(a) There is created a three-year pilot program designed to encourage reduced special education expenditures through the use of best practices to provide special education services in the general classroom setting. Pursuant to a process and criteria to be developed by the Secretary of Education and based upon the Schoolwide Integrated Framework for Transformation (SWIFT), the districts comprising the four supervisory unions currently engaged in implementing the SWIFT model may expend special education mainstream block grant funds received pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 2961 in a manner other than as required by State Board of Education Rule 2366.2.

(b) To be eligible for the pilot program, all districts within a supervisory union shall submit a joint application providing information prescribed by the Secretary on or before September 1, 2014. The joint application shall:

(1) describe how the districts' special education spending plan under the SWIFT model will be less costly than special education spending without using the SWIFT model;

(2) describe how the districts will serve students on individual education programs in a general classroom setting using the SWIFT model;

(3) describe the manner in which the districts shall measure student performance; and

(4) demonstrate how the use of the SWIFT model shall result in fewer students found to be in need of special education services at the end of the three-year pilot program.

(c) Beginning in 2015, annually on or before January 15 for the duration of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Education, the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate Committee on Finance regarding the results of the pilot project and any recommendations for legislative action.

(d) This section is repealed on July 1, 2017.

Sec. E.502 Education – special education: formula grants

(a) Of the appropriation authorized in this section, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed \$3,537,222 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2015 as funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the Secretary shall not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. § 2969(c) and (d). In addition to funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6), up to \$181,438 may be used by the Agency of Education for its participation in the higher education partnership plan.

Sec. E.503 Education – state-placed students

(a) The Independence Place Program of the Lund Family Center shall be considered a 24-hour residential program for the purposes of reimbursement of education costs.

Sec. E.504 Education – adult education and literacy

(a) Of this appropriation, \$3,250,000 from the Education Fund shall be distributed to school districts for reimbursement of high school completion services pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1049a(c), \$650,000 to pay college providers of the dual enrollment program on behalf of school districts, and \$100,000 to support the Vermont Virtual Learning Collaborative at the River Valley Regional Technical Center School District.

Sec. E.505 ADJUSTMENTS TO EDUCATION PAYMENTS

(a) For fiscal years 2014 and 2015 only, the Secretary of Education is authorized upon the request of a district to adjust any payment authorized under 16 V.S.A. § 4011 or 4028, if the Secretary determines that the following conditions have been met:

(1) The district requesting the adjustment has documented the request to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

(2) The request for an adjustment was made with the Agency within one year of the circumstance necessitating the adjustment.

(3) The adjustment request is not the result of knowing or willful misfeasance on the part of the district or its employees.

(4) The district has conducted regular audits of its operations.

(b) Any decision of the Secretary under this section shall be final.

Sec. E.512 Education – Act 117 cost containment

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, expenditures made from this section shall be counted under 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b) as part of the State's 60 percent of the statewide total special education expenditures of funds which are not derived from federal sources.

Sec. E.513 Appropriation and transfer to education fund

(a) Pursuant to Sec. B.513, there is appropriated in fiscal year 2015 from the General Fund for transfer to the Education Fund the amount of \$295,816,793.

Sec. E.513.1 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) For each fiscal year, the amount of the general funds appropriated or transferred to the ~~education fund~~ Education Fund shall be ~~\$276,240,000.00~~ \$277,400,000.00 increased by the most recent New England economic project cumulative price index, as of November 15, for state and local government purchases of goods and services from fiscal year 2012 through the fiscal year for which the payment is being determined, plus an additional one-tenth of one percent.

Sec. E.514 State teachers' retirement system

(a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) shall be \$72,857,163.

(b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution, \$10,129,837 is the "normal contribution," and \$62,727,326 is the "accrued liability contribution."

Sec. E.514.1 16 V.S.A. § 1944b is added to read:

§ 1944b. RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH AND MEDICAL BENEFITS

FUND

(a) There is established a Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits Fund (Benefits Fund) to pay retired teacher health and medical benefits, including prescription drug benefits, when due in accordance with the terms established by the Board of Trustees of the State Teachers' Retirement System of Vermont pursuant to subsection 1942(p) and subdivision 1944(c)(12) of this title. The Benefits Fund shall be administered by the Treasurer.

(b) The Benefits Fund shall consist of:

(1) all monies remitted to the State on behalf of the members of the State Teachers' Retirement System of Vermont for prescription drug plans pursuant to the Employer Group Waiver Plan with Wrap pursuant to the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003;

(2) any monies appropriated by the General Assembly for the purpose of paying the health and medical benefits for retired members and their dependents provided by subsection 1942(p) and subdivision 1944(c)(12) of this title;

(3) any monies pursuant to subsection (e) of this section;

(4) any monies the General Assembly transfers from the Supplemental Property Tax Relief Fund pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 6075; and

(5) any monies pursuant to section 1944d of this title.

(c) No employee contributions shall be deposited in the Benefits Fund.

(d) Interest earned shall remain in the Benefits Fund, and all balances remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be carried over to the following year; provided, however, that any amounts received in repayment of interfund loans established under subsection (e) of this section may be reinvested by the State Treasurer.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the State Treasurer is authorized to use interfund loans from the General Fund for payment into the Benefits Fund, which monies shall be identified exclusively for the purposes of payments of retired teacher health and medical benefits pursuant to this section. Any monies borrowed through an interfund loan pursuant to this section shall be paid from monies in the Benefits Fund or from other funds legally available for this purpose. It is the intent of the General Assembly to

appropriate sufficient General Fund revenue, after consideration of all other revenue and disbursements, such that the interfund loan shall be paid in full on or before June 30, 2023. The Governor shall include in the annual budget request an amount sufficient to repay any interfund borrowing according to a schedule developed by the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall pay the interest and principal as due in accordance with authority granted under 32 V.S.A. § 902(b). The State Treasurer shall assess a rate of interest on the outstanding balance of the interfund loan comparable to the rate paid by private depositories of the State's monies, or to the yield available on investments made pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 433. No interfund loans made under this authority shall, in the aggregate, exceed \$30,000,000.00.

(f) It is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate the required contributions necessary to pay retired teacher health and medical benefits by combining annual increases in base appropriations, but not from the Education Fund, and surplus revenues as they become available, so that the full cost of retired teacher health and medical benefits payments shall be met in base appropriations by fiscal year 2024. To the extent that other revenue sources are identified, the General Fund obligation shall not be reduced, until all annual disbursements to repay the interfund loan in subsection (e) of this section are satisfied.

Sec. E.514.2 16 V.S.A. § 1944 is amended to read:

§ 1944. VERMONT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND

(a) Fund. All of the assets of the system shall be credited to the ~~Vermont teachers' retirement fund~~ Vermont Teachers' Retirement Fund.

(b) Member contributions.

(1) Contributions deducted from the compensation of members shall be accumulated in the Fund and separately recorded for each member.

(2) The proper authority or officer responsible for making up each employer payroll shall cause to be deducted from the compensation of each group A member five and one-half percent of the member's earnable compensation ~~and~~; from each group C member with at least five years of membership service as of July 1, 2014, five percent of the member's earnable compensation; and from each group C member with less than five years of membership service as of July 1, 2014, six percent of the member's earnable compensation, including compensation paid for absence as provided by subsection 1933(d) of this title. In determining the amount earnable by a member in a payroll period, the ~~board~~ Board may consider the rate of compensation payable to such member on the first day of a payroll period as continuing throughout the payroll period, and it may omit deduction from compensation for any period less than a full payroll period if a teacher was not a member on the first day of the payroll period, and to facilitate the making of

deductions it may modify the deduction required of any member by such an amount as shall not exceed one-tenth of one percent of the annual earnable compensation upon the basis of which such deduction is made. The actuary shall make annual valuations of the reduction to the recommended State contribution attributable to the increase from five to six percent, and the Board shall include the amount of this reduction in its written report pursuant to subsection 1942(r) of this title.

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Sec. E.514.3 16 V.S.A. § 1944c is added to read:

§ 1944c. EMPLOYER CHARGES FOR FEDERAL GRANTS OR
REIMBURSEMENTS

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, effective on July 1, 2015, the employer retirement costs and administrative operating expenses related to the retirement plans applicable to those teachers whose funding is provided from federal grants or through federal reimbursement shall be paid by local school systems or educational entities that participate in the Vermont Teachers' Retirement Fund from those federal monies.

(b) The percentage rates to be applied shall be determined by an actuary approved by the Board of Trustees of the State Teachers' Retirement System of Vermont and shall be applied to the total earnable compensation of members prepared by the actuary in compliance with subsection 1942(r) of this

title. The Secretary of Education shall annually provide an accounting of federal grants and federal reimbursements, by school system, upon which payment by the participating schools shall be determined.

(c) The State Treasurer and the Secretary of Education shall establish procedures for the collection and deposit of those monies in the State Teachers' Retirement System of Vermont. The Secretary of Education may delay implementation upon review of the federal grant program to permit timely and accurate claims for reimbursement of retirement expenses under a particular federal program in order to receive funding under that program. The Secretary of Education shall provide an annual report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Education regarding progress in implementation of this section.

Sec. E.514.4 16 V.S.A. § 1944d is added to read:

§ 1944d. EMPLOYER ANNUAL CHARGE FOR TEACHER HEALTH CARE

The employer of teachers who become members of the State Teachers' Retirement System of Vermont on or after July 1, 2015 shall pay an annual assessment for those teachers' health and medical benefits. The assessment shall be the value, as approved annually by the Board of Trustees based on the actuary's recommendation, of the portion of future retired teachers' health and medical benefits attributable to those teachers for each year of service in the

State Teachers' Retirement System of Vermont. The equivalent number for the June 30, 2013 valuation is \$1,072.00.

Sec. E.514.5 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6)(B)(ix) is added to read:

(ix) The assessment paid by the employer of teachers who become members of the State Teachers' Retirement System of Vermont on or after July 1, 2015, pursuant to section 1944d of this title.

Sec. E.514.6 [DELETED]

* * * HIGHER EDUCATION * * *

Sec. E.600 University of Vermont

(a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to pay a total of 49.5 percent of this appropriation to the University of Vermont in equal amounts on or about the 15th day of each of the first six calendar months of the year, and a total of 50.5 percent of this appropriation to the University of Vermont in equal amounts on or about the 15th day of each of the last six calendar months of the year. The effect of this schedule is a one-percent increase over fiscal year 2014, effective with the January 2015 payment.

(b) Of this appropriation, \$380,326 shall be transferred to EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) for the purpose of complying with State matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds, or both.

(c) If Global Commitment Fund monies are unavailable, the total grant funding for the University of Vermont shall be maintained through the General Fund or other State funding sources.

(d) The University of Vermont will use the Global Commitment Funds appropriated in this section to support Vermont physician training. The University of Vermont prepares students, both Vermonters and out-of-state, and awards approximately 100 medical degrees annually. Graduates of this program, currently representing a significant number of physicians practicing in Vermont, deliver high-quality health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries and to the uninsured or underinsured persons, or both, in Vermont and across the nation.

Sec. E.600.1 16 V.S.A. § 2282(b) is amended to read:

~~(b) Except for those attending the college of medicine, the amount of tuition for eligible Vermont residents for attendance during each academic year shall be not more than 40 percent of the tuition charged to nonresident students. Tuition for eligible Vermont residents for shorter terms shall be no more per credit hour than that charged eligible Vermont residents during the academic year.~~ A Vermont resident who is enrolled in the University as a full-time undergraduate student shall not pay tuition in an amount that exceeds 40 percent of the tuition charged to a nonresident student.

Sec. E.602 Vermont state colleges

(a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to pay a total of 49.5 percent of this appropriation to the Vermont State Colleges in equal amounts on or about the 15th day of each of the first six calendar months of the year, and a total of 50.5 percent of this appropriation to the Vermont State Colleges in equal amounts on or about the 15th day of each of the last six calendar months of the year. The effect of this schedule is a one-percent increase over fiscal year 2014, effective with the January 2015 payment.

(b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center for the purpose of complying with State matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds, or both.

Sec. E.603 Vermont state colleges – allied health

(a) Disbursements made under this appropriation prior to January 1, 2015 shall be at the same level as in fiscal year 2014. Disbursements made on January 1, 2015 and later shall reflect a one-percent increase.

(b) If Global Commitment fund monies are unavailable, the total grant funding for the Vermont State Colleges shall be maintained through the General Fund or other State funding sources.

(c) The Vermont State Colleges shall use the Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section to support the dental hygiene, respiratory therapy, and nursing programs which graduate approximately 315 health care providers annually. These graduates deliver direct, high-quality health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries and uninsured or underinsured persons, or both.

Sec. E.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

(a) The fiscal year 2015 appropriation is a one-percent increase over the fiscal year 2014 appropriation, starting on January 1, 2015. The fiscal year 2015 disbursements shall be paid as follows: 30 percent in July, or \$5,824,354; 30 percent in August, or \$5,824,354; 20 percent in November, or \$3,882,903; and 20 percent in January at the one-percent annualized increase, or \$3,979,976. All disbursements made after July 1, 2015 shall reflect an annualized one-percent increase over the fiscal year 2014 appropriation.

(b) Of this appropriation, \$25,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation to be deposited into the Trust Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2845.

(c) Of this appropriation, not more than \$100,000 may be used by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a student aspirational pilot initiative to serve one or more high schools.

(d) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, not less than 93 percent of grants shall be used for direct student aid.

(e) Funds available to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation pursuant to Sec. E.215(a) of this act shall be used for the purposes of 16 V.S.A. § 2856. Any unexpended funds from this allocation shall carry forward for this purpose.

Sec. E.605.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.605.2 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND
EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

(a) Of the Next Generation Funds appropriated in Sec. B1100(a)(3)(C) of this act, \$50,000 shall be used to fund a flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for financially needy students enrolled in a dual enrollment course as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 942(7) and § 944 or in early college as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 4011(e) and § 942(8) to be used for the purchase of books, transportation costs, and payment of fees. The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation shall establish the criteria for program eligibility. Funds shall be granted to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are depleted.

(b) VSAC shall report on the program to the House and Senate Committees on Education and on Appropriations on or before January 15, 2015.

* * * NATURAL RESOURCES * * *

Sec. E.701 AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES PAYMENT IN LIEU
OF TAXES

(a) Appraisal moratorium. For the purpose of payments in lieu of taxes to municipalities in fiscal year 2015, lands held by the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 3708(a)(1) shall be appraised at the fair market value of the land in fiscal year 2014, as certified by the Director of Property Valuation and Review, provided that in fiscal year 2015, such lands held by ANR shall be appraised at 102 percent of the fair market value of the land in fiscal year 2014. For lands held by ANR and subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 3708(a)(2), payments in lieu of taxes to municipalities in fiscal year 2015 shall be made as specified in 32 V.S.A. § 3708(a)(2).

(b) Appeals of appraisal. During the moratorium established under subsection (a) of this section, there shall be no right, in fiscal year 2015, for a municipality to appeal the appraised values of ANR lands certified by the Director of Property Valuation and Review in fiscal year 2014.

(c) Report to General Assembly. On or before November 15, 2014, the Division of Property Valuation and Review (PVR), the Agency of Natural Resources, and the Joint Fiscal Office in consultation with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, shall submit to the House and Senate Committees

on Natural Resources and Energy, the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate Committee on Finance a report regarding the formula used by PVR to calculate ANR's annual payment in lieu of taxes. The report shall include:

(1) recommendations as to the formulas to be used for valuation of ANR lands and ANR PILOT payments in the future, including whether ANR lands should be assessed at full appraised value and not contingent on the current use value;

(2) if a change is recommended to the formula under subdivision (1) of this subsection, a proposal for implementing the new formula, including a schedule for transition to the new formula.

(d) Repeal. Subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be repealed on July 1, 2015.

Sec. E.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry

(a) This Special Fund appropriation shall be authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 2807(c)(2).

Sec. E.706 Forests, parks and recreation – lands administration

(a) This Special Fund appropriation shall be authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 2807(c)(2).

* * * COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT * * *

Sec. E.800 VERMONT TRAINING PROGRAM

(a) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 531, the Secretary may authorize up to ten percent of the funds allocated within the Vermont Training Program for employers that meet at least one but fewer than three of the criteria specified within 10 V.S.A. § 531(b) and (c)(3).

Sec. E.800.1 10 V.S.A. § 122 is amended to read:

§ 122. VERMONT CENTER FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION;

~~INCORPORATED~~; ESTABLISHMENT

(a) The ~~state~~ State of Vermont shall support a comprehensive strategy for the development and use of a geographic information system including:

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(9) ~~Financing considerations.~~ [Repealed.]

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(b) In order to develop and implement that strategy, and to ensure that all data gathered by state agencies that is relevant to the VGIS shall be in a form that is compatible with, useful to, and shared with that geographic information system, there is hereby established ~~a nonprofit public corporation to be known as the Vermont center for geographic information, hereinafter called "the center," as a body corporate and politic and a public instrumentality of the state~~

as a division under the Agency of Commerce and Community Development
the Vermont Center for Geographic Information (the Center).

~~(c) The center shall be a nonprofit corporation and shall not have authority to issue any capital stock. The property of the center shall be used solely to promote its purposes as herein defined. The center shall assume title to property other than the data acquired by the state for the support of a geographic information system, but shall return title to such property to the state if the property is not used to promote the center's purposes as herein defined or upon any dissolution of the corporation. No part of the activities of the center shall consist of participating in or intervening in, including the publishing or distribution of statements, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Upon any dissolution of the corporation, any assets remaining after payment of or provision for its debts and liabilities shall be distributed according to applicable provisions of state law. No part of the net assets or net earnings of the center shall inure to the benefit of or be paid or distributed to any officer, director, or employee of the center, or to any donor to the center. The state reserves the right at any time to alter, amend, repeal or otherwise change the structure, organization, programs or activities of the center, including the power to terminate the corporation, subject to any limitation on the impairment of the obligations of any contract or contracts entered into by the center. [Repealed.]~~

Sec. E.800.2 10 V.S.A. § 123 is amended to read:

§ 123. POWERS AND DUTIES

(a) ~~The center shall have all the general powers conferred by 11B V.S.A. § 3.02 and all amendments thereto, and all other powers necessary, desirable, or incidental fully to effectuate its corporate purposes except where otherwise limited by statute. [Repealed.]~~

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(e) ~~The center shall be subject to the provisions of 1 V.S.A. §§ 312-314 with respect to the right of the public to receive notice of and attend meetings, 1 V.S.A. §§ 315-320 with respect to the access of the public to its records and documents, and 1 V.S.A. § 172 regarding joint authority of the board. [Repealed.]~~

Sec. E.800.3 3 V.S.A. § 2402 is amended to read:

§ 2402. CREATION OF AGENCY

(a) ~~An agency of commerce and community development~~ Agency of Commerce and Community Development is created consisting of the following:

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(2) ~~The department of housing and community affairs~~ Department of Housing and Community Development.

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(6) The Vermont Center for Geographic Information.

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Sec. E.800.4 3 V.S.A. § 2475 is added to read:

§ 2475. VERMONT CENTER FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

The Vermont Center for Geographic Information is created as a division within the Agency of Commerce and Community Development and shall be administered and have the duties as set forth in 10 V.S.A. chapter 8 (geographic information).

Sec. E.800.5 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

(a) Funding. Funds appropriated in Sec. B.123 of this act shall be transferred as appropriate to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to effectuate the transfer of the Vermont Center for Geographic Information, Incorporated to a division of the Agency as set forth in Sec. E.800.4 of this act, 3 V.S.A. § 2475. The fiscal year 2016 budget submission shall reflect the completed transfer to the Agency.

(b) Position creation and transfer.

(1) Within the Agency of Commerce and Community Development's Vermont Center for Geographic Information (VCGI) created under Sec. E.800.4 of this act, three (3) classified positions and one (1) exempt position are established, and two (2) classified positions are transferred and converted from the position pool of the Executive Branch of State government.

The position titles shall be determined by the Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development in consultation with the Commissioner of Human Resources.

(2) Existing employees of the nonprofit Vermont Center for Geographic Information who hold positions similar to the positions established or transferred under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be permitted to transfer to the positions within the VCGI established in subdivision (1) of this subsection upon the effective date of this section.

(c) Personnel location. The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development shall determine where the offices of the VCGI shall be housed.

(d) Assets and liabilities. The assets and liabilities of the VCGI shall become the assets and liabilities of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

(e) Legal and contractual obligations. The Executive Director of the VCGI, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development, shall identify all grants and contracts of the VCGI and create a plan to redesignate the Agency of Commerce and Community Development as the responsible entity. The plan shall ensure that all existing grantors, grantees, and contractors are notified of the redesignation.

Sec. E.800.6 REPEAL

(a) 10 V.S.A. §§ 124 (Board of Directors), 125 (Officers), and 126 (Audit)
are repealed.

Sec. E.801 8 V.S.A. § 6017(a)(1) is amended to read:

(a)(1) There is hereby created a fund to be known as the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund for the purpose of providing the financial means for the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to administer this chapter, chapter 142, and chapter 142A of this title and for reasonable expenses incurred in promoting the captive insurance industry in Vermont. The transfer of 11 percent of the premium tax under subsection 6014(h) of this title, and all fees and assessments received by the Department pursuant to the administration of these chapters shall be credited to this Fund. Of this amount, not more than ~~two~~ three percent of the premium tax under section 6014 may be ~~transferred to~~ expended by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, with approval of the Secretary of Administration, for promotional expenses. All fees received by the Department from reinsurers who assume risk solely from captive insurance companies and are subject to the provisions of subsections 3634a(a) through (f) of this title, shall be deposited into the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund. All fines and administrative penalties, however, shall be deposited directly into the General Fund.

Sec. E.804 Community development block grants

(a) Community Development Block Grants shall carry forward until expended.

* * * TRANSPORTATION * * *

Sec. E.909 Transportation – central garage

(a) Of this appropriation, \$7,218,200 is appropriated from the Transportation Equipment Replacement Account within the Central Garage Fund for the purchase of equipment as authorized in 19 V.S.A. § 13(b).

Sec. E.915 Transportation – town highway aid program

(a) This appropriation is authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of 19 V.S.A. § 306(a).

Sec. F.100 10 V.S.A. chapter 12 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 12. VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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Subchapter 12. ~~Technology Loan~~ Vermont Entrepreneurial

Lending Program

§ 280aa. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

(a)(1) ~~Technology-based companies~~ Vermont-based businesses in seed, start-up, and growth stages are a vital source of innovation, employment, and economic growth in Vermont. The continued development and success of ~~this~~

~~increasingly important sector of Vermont's economy~~ these businesses is dependent upon the availability of flexible, risk-based capital.

(2) Because the primary assets of ~~technology-based companies~~ sometimes Vermont-based businesses in seed, start-up, and growth stages often consist almost entirely of intellectual property or insufficient tangible assets to support conventional lending, ~~such~~ these companies frequently ~~do~~ may not have access to conventional means of raising capital, such as asset-based bank financing.

(b) To support the growth of ~~technology-based companies~~ Vermont-based businesses in seed, start-up, and growth stages and the resultant creation of ~~high wage~~ higher wage employment in Vermont, ~~a technology loan program is established under this subchapter~~ the General Assembly hereby creates in this subchapter the Vermont Entrepreneurial Lending Program.

§ 280bb. ~~TECHNOLOGY LOAN~~ VERMONT ENTREPRENEURIAL
LENDING PROGRAM

(a) There is created ~~a technology (TECH) loan program~~ the Vermont Entrepreneurial Lending Program to be administered by the Vermont ~~economic development authority~~ Economic Development Authority. The ~~program~~ Program shall seek to meet the working capital and capital-asset financing needs of ~~technology-based companies~~ Vermont-based businesses in seed,

start-up, and growth stages. The Program shall specifically seek to fulfill capital requirement needs that are unmet in Vermont, including:

(1) loans up to \$100,000.00 to manufacturing businesses and software developers with innovative products that typically reflect long-term, organic growth;

(2) loans up to \$1,000,000.00 in growth-stage companies that do not meet the underwriting criteria of other public and private entrepreneurial financing sources; and

(3) loans to businesses that are unable to access adequate capital resources because the primary assets of these businesses are typically intellectual property or similar nontangible assets.

(b) The ~~Vermont economic development authority~~ Authority shall establish ~~such~~ adopt regulations, policies, and procedures for the ~~program~~ Program as are necessary to ~~carry out the purposes of this subchapter~~. The authority's lending criteria shall include consideration of in-state competition and whether a company has made reasonable efforts to secure capital in the private sector increase the amount of investment funds available to Vermont businesses whose capital requirements are not being met by conventional lending sources.

(c) When considering entrepreneurial lending through the Program, the Authority shall give additional consideration and weight to an application of a

business whose business model and practices will have a demonstrable effect
in achieving other public policy goals of the State, including:

(1) The business will create jobs in strategic sectors such as the
knowledge-based economy, renewable energy, advanced manufacturing, wood
products manufacturing, and value-added agricultural processing.

(2) The business is located in a designated downtown, village center,
growth center, industrial park, or other significant geographic location
recognized by the State.

(3) The business adopts energy and thermal efficiency practices in its
operations or otherwise operates in a way that reflects a commitment to green
energy principles.

(4) The business will create jobs that pay a livable wage and significant
benefits to Vermont employees.

(d) The Authority shall include provisions in the terms of an loan made
under the Program to ensure that a loan recipient shall maintain operations
within the State for a minimum of five years from the date on which the
recipient receives the loan funds from the Authority or shall otherwise be
required to repay the outstanding funds in full.

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Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. C.100 (fiscal year 2014 fund transfers), C.101 (fiscal year 2014 reversions), C.102 (Legal Aid homeowner assistance allocation), C.103 (Secretary of State campaign finance system development), C.105 (ACCD Secretary cost allocation), C.106 (fiscal year 2014 supplemental one-time appropriations), C.106.1 (flood-related payment), C.106.2 (fiscal year 2014 economic development transfers), C.106.3 (fiscal year 2014 higher education trust fund contributions), C.108 (public retirement plan study), C.109 (committee on child protection), D.102 (tobacco litigation settlement fund balance), D.104 (General Fund and Transportation Fund Balance reserves), D.105 (supplemental property tax relief fund repeals; fiscal year 2014 surplus), D.107 (deposit of settlement receipts), E.100.5 (Vermont Enterprise Fund), E.233 (Decommissioning Advisory Panel), E.500.2 (education analyst position), and E.505 (adjustments to education payments) of this act shall take effect on passage.

(b) Sec. E.100.6 (wood products manufacture incentive) shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2014 and apply to tax year 2014.

(c) Sec. E.118.1 (mileage reimbursement report) shall take effect on passage and shall apply to the report due by January 15, 2014.

(d) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec.126.1 (repeal of legislator eligibility to purchase State Employees Health Benefit Plan) shall take effect

on passage and shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2014, except that members and session-only employees of the General Assembly who were enrolled in the State Employees Health Benefit Plan on January 1, 2014 may continue to receive coverage under the plan through the remainder of the 2014 plan year.

(e) Sec. E.228 (LIMA fees/transfer tax in General Fund balance reserve) shall take effect on passage and shall apply as of February 19, 2014.

(f) Sec. E.308 shall take effect on passage and shall apply to fiscal year 2014 and fiscal year 2015.

(g) Sec. E.600.1 (University of Vermont tuition) shall take effect on passage and shall not apply to students who are enrolled as of that date in the University of Vermont in (1) a distance education course or program; (2) a graduate program other than in the College of Medicine.

(h) Sec. E.701 (ANR pilot appraisal) shall take effect on passage and shall apply as of April 1, 2014.

(i) Secs. E.800.1 (10 V.S.A. § 122, GIS establishment), E.800.2 (10 V.S.A. § 123, GIS powers and duties), and E.800.6 (repeal) shall take effect on March 30, 2015.

(j) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2014.